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# Kempthorne reaches out

By AGNES E. DONATO  
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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of the Interior is ready to work with local officials on implementing the newly signed federalization measure.

President George W. Bush signed into law Senate bill 2739 on Friday. Now Public Law 110-229, the measure applies federal immigration to the Commonwealth. It also grants the Northern Marianas a delegate with limited voting powers in the U.S.

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## Domenech takes over Cohen's post

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An aide to U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has



Domenech

been named to serve as the new acting deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs.

Doug W. Domenech

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## JUMPING JACK RACE

JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Children and adults cheer for their frogs that were competing in the "International Frog Race" during the Marianas March Against Cancer's Team Hyatt's Family Fun Night Friday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan beachfront. The event was part of Team Hyatt's efforts to raise funds for the Marianas March Against Cancer, which will be held on May 16-17, from 6pm to 6am, at the Hopwood Junior High School Track & Field in Chalan Piao.

## Airlines' incentive program faced with possible suspension

The Commonwealth Ports Authority may stop granting discounted fees to airlines that introduced new flights to the Northern Marianas.

The CPA board of directors is expected to vote today on a resolution suspending the port authority's airline incentive program, which allows airlines to get 50 percent to 100 percent discount on

airport fees for flying to the Commonwealth.

CPA executive director Lee Cabrera said the ports authority cannot afford to give discounts anymore. The \$2 million appropriation granted in 2005 for the incentive program ran out at the end of 2007.

"Previously, for every dollar that we gave up as

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## NMI team wins award at nat'l mock trials

### Team gets Performance Award for 2nd year in a row



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of Team NMI gather for a group photo after the Awards Banquet for the 2008 National High School Mock Trial Championship.

The Northern Mariana Islands 2008 National Mock Trial Team took home a Best Performance award for the second year in a row at the 2008 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Wilmington, Delaware.

The award went to Letitia Cabrera, who was one of nine students selected for the award from almost 400 competitors from across the nation and the Pacific. The award is given to students playing witnesses and/or attorneys who earn sufficient scores to distinguish them from their fellow competitors.

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## Local

# Workers' vigil celebrates passage of 'federalization'



JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Isabella Dominique Feliciano, 3, with her younger brother River Oakly, 2, and friend Jose Lorenzo Reyes, 5, participate on a candle light vigil at Garapan Fishing Base Saturday night to celebrate the federalization bill's passage. The vigil is headed by the Coalition of United Workers (NMI), Human Dignity Movement, PILCOWA, Bangladeshi community, Boholano Association, Mariana Island Amateur Radio Association, and Dekada.

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REPORTER

Rep. Tina Sablan joined hundreds of guest workers and their children in a candle light vigil at the Fishing Base in Garapan Saturday night to celebrate the federalization bill's passage.

The vigil also reunited some alien workers' organizations that recently had a falling out due to some leaders and members participating in meetings on the long-term resident status initiative. The leaders expressed their support for the initiative, but some questioned the sincerity of the people behind the idea.

The participants, carrying streamers and placards, gathered along the shoulder of Beach Road in front of Horiguchi Building at 5:30pm. They later lighted candles for their Thanksgiving prayers.

The ralliers displayed streamers and placards that read: "Wendy Thank Your For Helping Us", "Thank You Mr. Jim Benedetto. Please Echo Our Voice," referring to human rights advocate Wendy Doromal and federal ombudsman Jim Benedetto.

Other wrote messages such as "Thank You Pres. Bush" "Dekada Supports Local Workers" and "Protect Families."

Some children were seen holding placards that read: "Please Support Our Parents

Not To Send Home Coz We Need Their Assistance" and "Please Give Green Cards to Our Parents."

Other participants displayed placards in support of a bill that will allow long-time foreign workers to stay for five-year periods in the CNMI. The bill was co-authored by Sablan and Reps. Heinz Hofschneider, Edward Salas, and Victor Hocog.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* at the vigil, Sablan said the intention of the meeting is to peacefully demonstrate support for the federalization bill that was signed into law.

The gathering, Sablan said, was also meant to reaffirm the solidarity of the foreign workers who have considered CNMI their home, along with other members of the community.

"I also believe that the third intention was to express support for some type of locally granted status that will help stabilize the workforce in the transition between now and when the federal regulations are promulgated," she said.

Sablan clarified that she is not aiming to be the first Northern Marianas delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

"No I'm not. I think I have a term that I need to fulfill. And I intend to do that," the representative said when asked if she is running for the post

after some workers' groups expressed their intention to endorse her candidacy.

Sablan said she is looking for somebody in that position who has a vision for the future and can help build relations between the local government and the federal government.

Human Dignity Movement president Jerry Custodio said he is very happy to see various workers' organizations from different nationalities joining forces again, just like the December Unity March spearheaded by Sablan.

Dekada Movement president Bonifacio Sagana said he is also overjoyed to witness various organizations united again for the same cause.

"We have only one common request and that is to get an improved immigration status under the federalization law," said Sagana in Tagalog.

The Dekada president said he also welcomes the formation of a new workers' organization—the Coalition of United Workers (NMI) led by Irene Tantiado.

Among those present in the vigil were Dekada counsel Stephen Woodruff, educator Ron Hodges, local activist Joseph M. Mendiola, Ronnie Doca of the Pilipino Contract Workers Association, and officials from Chinese, Bangladeshi and Korean groups.

## EMO warns of large waves due to typhoon

The Emergency Management Office issued a high surf advisory yesterday, warning the public to stay out of the water until this evening due to dangerous waves that could be life threatening.

Based on information received

from National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the EMO, large swells will persist until 6pm Monday due to the passing of distant super typhoon Rammasun.

The high surf advisory applies to west facing reef.

EMO is strongly advising the general public—especially beachgoers, fishermen, tour operators, and divers—to avoid venturing near reefs lines and exposed beaches as wind and waves support dangerous rip currents. (EMO)

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# Double jeopardy claim postpones Miura trial

By JOEL RUBIN and ANDREW BLANKSTEIN  
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LOS ANGELES—A Los Angeles judge Friday postponed deciding whether double jeopardy should prevent pros-

ecutors from trying a Japanese businessman in the fatal shooting of his young wife in a Los Angeles street.

Kazuyoshi Miura was convicted in Japan of the 1981 slaying, but the Tokyo High Court overturned the ruling. A 2004 California law barred double jeopardy claims by those prosecuted in other countries, but defense attorney Mark Geragos had argued that the statute did not apply because the slaying and Miura's acquittal in Japan predated its passage.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Steven R. Van Sicklen said he could not determine whether double jeopardy

applied until he receives clear legal documentation about the Japanese court's ruling. He scheduled another hearing for June 16, when Geragos and prosecutor Alan Jackson hoped to have the 300-page ruling from Japanese courts and other documents translated.

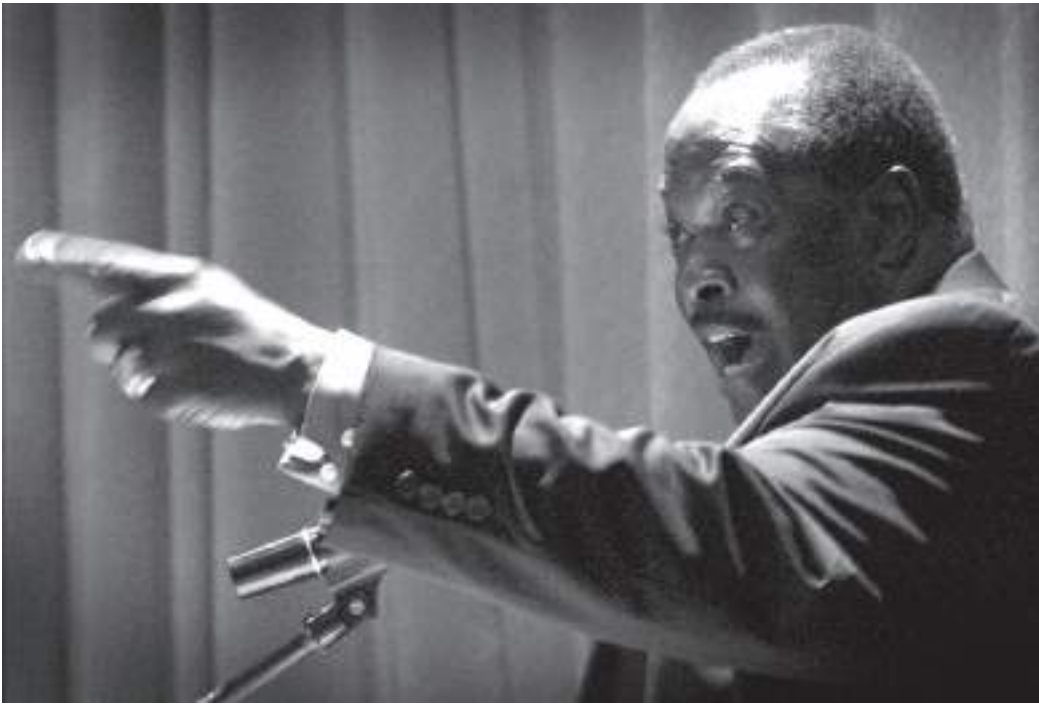
Van Sicklen also rejected the prosecution's assertion that Miura must be present in Los Angeles before the double jeopardy issue can be decided.

Miura, who was detained by authorities on a murder warrant in April as he tried to leave

the American jurisdiction of Saipan, is awaiting extradition to Los Angeles.

Authorities allege that the ocean-hopping importer had another man shoot his wife, Kazumi, near the four-level freeway interchange in downtown Los Angeles to collect \$650,000 in life insurance. Miura, who was shot in the leg in the incident, initially sought to blame the crime on America's "culture of violence"

But as Los Angeles police and Japanese reporters dug into the case, they said they uncovered intrigue and deception, and the story was elevated to Japan's equivalent of the O.J. Simpson case.



## CHAUTAUQUA PERFORMANCE

JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Bill Grimmette portrays the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a Chautauqua performance sponsored by the NMI Humanities Council called "An Evening with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at the Hafadai Hotel's Fiesta Hall Friday night. Grimmette is a veteran Chautauqua performer and past president of the National Association of Black Story Tellers. He is a perennial performer at the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian Institute. He has performed as Dr. King at a wide variety of venues in the United States for the past nine years.

## 'Update study on health of Pacific islanders'

Micronesian leaders have asked a U.S. senator to push for an updated study on the health of Pacific islanders.

The chief executives of the Northern Marianas, Guam, Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia have written Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye to lobby for another Institute of Medicine report on the health status of the U.S.-associated islands in the Pacific.

The leaders said the last IOM report was "a sentinel document which has stimulated much

positive change and improvement in the health status in our region." But the progress, they said, had been uneven and the challenges to improve the islands' collective health status were daunting.

The report, titled "Pacific Partnerships for Health—Charting a New Course," was published in 1998.

"We ask that, as with the previous IOM report in 1998, your office champion a new IOM report for the region, which can inventory our successes and shortfalls in the

health sector and redevelop a new set of recommendations that are consistent with the first decade of the new millennium and beyond," the leaders said in a letter written in the recently ended Micronesian Chief Executives Summit in Palau.

In 1998, the federal medical institute found health care problems in the Pacific: deteriorating health facilities, high health care costs, high rates of substance abuse and infant death, and lack of trained medical personnel. (Agnes E. Donato)

## 3 women in shoplifting cases get probation

Three women who were tagged by police as responsible for a rash of shoplifting cases on Saipan were each sentenced to one day in jail and one year of probation.

Barbie Ann B. Cabrera, Zenita B. Cabrera, and Joanne B. Cabrera entered a plea agreement with the government. They pleaded guilty to two counts of theft by unlawful taking.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman accepted the plea agreement and their guilty plea.

Following the plea agreement, Wiseman sentenced the Cabrerases to one year in jail, all suspended except for one day, with a one-day credit for time already served.

The judge placed the defendants on one year of supervised probation and required them to perform community service.

He ordered the defendants to each pay a \$50 fine, \$25 court assessment fee and probation fee.

During the probationary period, the Cabrerases are prohibited from going to Joeten Hafa Adai, Dolphin Wholesale and Papaya Store.

According to the plea agreement, on July 29, 2007, the defendants conspired to steal a DVD player worth \$69.99 from Dolphin Wholesale Store. On Aug. 27, 2007, the defendants conspired to steal clothing worth \$153.93 from Papaya Store.

On Sept. 3, 2007, detectives reportedly conducted an investigation on the rash of shoplifting at stores.

Police said surveillance camera showed that the three women were responsible for stealing assorted clothing from Papaya Store in Garapan.

Surveillance camera also showed that the trio stole a DVD player from Dolphins Store in San Jose. (Ferdie dela Torre)

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# 'Let May 9 be celebrated as Delegate Day'

Tinian Republican Party president Ramon M. Dela Cruz has congratulated Resident Representative Pete A. Tenorio for the passage of the federalization bill on Friday, May 9, and suggested that the date be forever celebrated in the CNMI as "Delegate Day."

The bill, called the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, not only extends federal immigration law to the CNMI; it also contains a provision authorizing a Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Northern Mariana Islands.

"On behalf of the Tinian Republican Party, it is my great honor to offer my sincere congratulations on the signing [of the bill]. ...Friday, May 9, 2008, now marks another great step forward in the national and international political development of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and will be forever known as 'Delegate Day,'" said Dela Cruz in his letter to the resident representative.

Tenorio had advocated for federalization of the CNMI's immigration system—one of the few local officials to take this position.

Dela Cruz also invited Tenorio to Tinian for the first celebration of "Del-

egate Day," to be held at the Tachogna Beach Main Pavilion at noon, on Saturday, May 17.

"As you are well aware, great challenges are in the immediate future for the island of Tinian and the CNMI as the United States military begins to take advantage of its land use options on Tinian and the Tinian International Airport becomes fully viable for regularly scheduled international flights. Your work at ensuring that the CNMI has a Delegate in the U.S. House of Representatives will help en-

sure that proper solutions will be found for the problems that will naturally develop as the military begins to arrive on Tinian and the new labor and immigration procedures are implemented on our beautiful island. For this, we, the people of Tinian, thank you. ...Again, congratulations on a job well done from the people of Tinian and the CNMI."

Besides Dela Cruz, the Tinian Republican Party officials also include 1st vice president Edward Shai, 2nd vice president Antonio SN Borja, secretary Carmen Quitugua Dela Cruz, and treasurer Gabriel Evangelista. *(Saipan Tribune)*



Dela Cruz



## BIRTHDAY GIRL

Happy 7th birthday greetings go out to our princess, Rosalia Francine A. Pangelinan. We wish you all the best, with many more years to come. With much love, Daddy, Mommy, Kevin, and Joseph. *(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)*

## NMI

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After the initial shock, Cabrera said, "It was a really fun and exciting experience." She gave credit to her attorney coaches, Ed Buckingham and Joe Tajeron from the Attorney General's Office, and Galvin Deleon Guerrero from Mount Carmel School.

"I want to thank my coaches. They helped me understand my character and stay in character." She also credited her team, who she said "was unified."

Judge Joseph Slights from Delaware, one of the main coordinators for the national competition, said that the feedback was really good on Cabrera's performance. As he put it, "There was a buzz about her among judges."

Cabrera's win did not surprise several judges of the national event. One judge, Jeff Ginsberg, a magistrate from Ohio, commented, "The team was sensational." Referring to the round that he judged involving Team NMI, Ginsberg added, "They decisively won that round."

Karen Klaver, NMI's Mock Trial coordinator, echoed these sentiments

after watching the team compete in their first round on Friday, May 9. "I was confident in their abilities because they were prepared and disciplined. I had no doubt that they would excel." She also noted, "They represented the CNMI very well. We should be very proud of them."

This marks the eighth year that the Northern Mariana Islands has competed in the national competition. This year, the team bested teams from Guam, South Korea, Utah, Florida, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Alabama in overall ballots and scores. *(PR)*

## DOMENECH

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Domenech, who currently serves as Kempthorne's deputy chief of staff, will be the U.S. government's new point man for Washington's relationships with the territories and the freely associated states. He will serve in both capacities.

The position was held by David Cohen from 2002 until he resigned in January 2008 to join a private law firm. Nikolao Pula, the director of the

U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, held the job temporarily following Cohen's resignation.

"I have full confidence in Doug, whose commitment to this Administration, management expertise, background and knowledge will be invaluable in carrying out our responsibilities for the U.S. territories and freely associated states," Kempthorne said in a statement issued announcing the appointment.

For his part, Domenech said, "I am honored to be given this assignment. This is an indication that Secretary

Kempthorne cares deeply about the welfare of the insular areas and wants island issues handled directly in his immediate office."

Pula echoed Domenech's remark. "Secretary Kempthorne's appointment of Doug Domenech to Insular Affairs is indicative of the Secretary's strong interest and support of issues affecting the U.S.-affiliated areas. I know this will be welcomed by the leaders and the people of the islands."

"We are very happy to work with Doug who is a familiar face in the OIA corridor. His enthusiasm, expe-

## REVISED POWER OUTAGE SCHEDULE

As the rehabilitation and maintenance repairs continue on the engines and generators at the Lower Base Power Plant 1, the CUC would like to inform the public that should any unanticipated problems occur affecting our power generation program, the following outage schedule will be implemented accordingly:

**8:00am-10:00am** Feeder 2: Second Partial  
Beach Road Garapan at Kristo Rai Church south to San Jose Intersection  
**10:00am-12:00pm** Kiya 1: Lateral  
Joeten Commercial Complex: (CUC, Joeten Grocery, PHI Pharmacy, CNMI Revenue & Taxation, Department of Public Lands), Kannat Tabla and the Stanford Hotel area

Feeder 1: Individual Street  
Upper China Town, Upper MIHA in Garapan

Feeder 3: Laterals  
Taro Sue to portions of China Town  
**12:00pm-2:00pm** Kiya 4: Second Partial  
Mount Carmel south to portions of Chalan Kanoa & Chalan Kiya Village  
**2:00pm-4:00pm** Feeder 7: Entire Grid  
Lower Base Industrial area, north to Tanapag, Achugao, San Roque, As Matuis & Marpi

**4:00pm-6:00pm** Kiya 2: Second Partial  
Koblerville, As Gonno, San Antonio & Afetnas  
**6:00pm-8:00pm** Feeder 4: Second Partial  
Kagman & portions of Papago  
**8:00pm-10:00pm** Kiya 1: Second Partial  
Lower Dandan, Isley Field, CPA/Airport, As Perdido

CUC will make all efforts to keep to this aforementioned contingent schedule. Such contingent schedule may be modified in future public notices. In addition, please be informed that such contingent schedule may be altered to address particular emergencies when necessary. *(CUC)*

## AIRLINES'

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discount, we got a dollar from the central government. But that funding has been exhausted," said Cabrera.

Fees waived under these programs include the \$8 departure facility service charge and the \$2 passenger arrival charge.

The Legislature appropriated the funds after Japan Airlines pulled out from the Northern Marianas in late 2005, taking away about half of the market's airlift capacity. The intent of the legislation was to encourage air-

lines to fill the vacuum left by JAL.

At least three airlines received the incentive: Northwest Airlines, Asiana Airlines, and most recently, Air China, which got 100-percent discounts on the passenger departure charge, international arrival fee, and aircraft landing fee from Oct. 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. A 50-percent discount will apply on the same fees and charges from April 1, 2008 through Sept. 30, 2008.

It is not clear whether Northwest will receive incentives from the daily nighttime flights between Tokyo and Saipan that the carrier will introduce in July 2008. *(Agnes E. Donato)*

child. He has a degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management from Virginia Tech and worked on national and state natural resource issues for 15 years prior to his appointment.

Among his duties at the department, Domenech represents the Secretary on the Advisory Board of the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico, and often travels to the U.S. Virgin Islands on Interior business. He also represents the Department on the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico Status and on the U.S. delegation to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

## KEMPTHORNE

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House of Representatives.

U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne hailed the President's approval of the legislation in a statement issued Saturday.

"The President's action marks a milestone in relations between the federal government and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas," said Kempthorne. "This historic legislation will provide the people of the Northern Marianas—for the first time—an elected voice in the House of Representatives to represent them and advocate their interests as part of the American family."

Before the President signed Senate

Bill 2739, the Northern Marianas had been the only populated U.S. insular area that did not have a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The first election for a CNMI delegate will take place in November 2008 to coincide with the U.S. general elections.

"The Department of the Interior has been a strong advocate for establishing a Northern Marianas delegate seat in the House of Representatives," Kempthorne said. "And we look forward to working with the Commonwealth's government and business leaders on a variety of programs to assist them in building a better future for their people."

"It's important to note," Kempthorne added, "that after the enactment of this significant congressional legislation,

there is still much work to be done by federal agencies and the Northern Marianas government to implement U.S. immigration laws in the Commonwealth."

As Secretary of the Interior, Kempthorne is responsible for coordinating federal policy for the U.S. insular areas, advocating for the islands within the federal government, overseeing the distribution of appropriated funds for island territories, and administering U.S. financial aid for the freely associated states. A major objective of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, which carries out the secretary's responsibilities for the islands, has been promoting stronger self-governance in the U.S. territories.

Kempthorne has announced a new

deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs, who will likely represent DOI in the coming talks with regard to federalization. Douglas W. Domenech, who currently serves as Kempthorne's deputy chief of staff, will be the U.S. government's new point person for Washington's relationships with the territories and the freely associated states. He will serve in both capacities. *(See sidebar.)*

Kempthorne previously met with Gov. Benigno Fitial, Lt. Gov. Timothy Villagomez, Cabinet members, Resident Representative Pete A. Tenorio, several legislators, and members of the business community to discuss the legislation the President signed yesterday. During an official visit to the U.S. Commonwealth last year, Kempthorne reaffirmed the importance of continu-

ing to work and partner with Northern Marianas leaders to strengthen the islands' economy.

The CNMI government remains vague on how to proceed with immigration federalization, which the Fitial administration has strongly opposed. The governor said on Friday that he will continue to consult with the Legislature, the private sector, and other interested stakeholders about the government's options in dealing with federalization.

In his recent State of the Commonwealth Address, Fitial had said that suing the U.S. government remains one of his options to stop federalization. The other two are to help draft the implementing regulations and to seek amendments to the new law.





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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

EMERGENCY ADOPTION AND IMMEDIATE EFFECT: The Department of Labor finds that:

- (1) under 1 CMC § 9104(b), the public interest requires prompt issuance of regulations to implement the requirement of S. 2739, Title VII, Section 103(i), P.L. 110-\_\_\_\_, that is effective on the effective date of this federal legislation under which the number of "alien workers present in the Commonwealth" may not be increased over the next 12 months; and
- (2) the same rules and regulations will be adopted as permanent regulations pursuant to the attached Notice of Proposed Rules and Regulations and the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a).

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### REGULATIONS

AMENDMENTS TO the Alien Rules and Regulations (effective February 1, 2008)

#### Part III. Moratorium on the Hiring of Foreign National Workers,

##### Section E: FEDERAL MORATORIUM

1. Federal requirement. The federal legislation (S. 2739, Section 103(i), P.L. 110-\_\_\_\_) requires: "During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the transition program effective date ... the Government of the Commonwealth shall not permit an increase in the total number of alien workers who are present in the Commonwealth as of the date of the enactment of this Act."
2. Numerical cap. The number of "alien workers who are present in the Commonwealth" is 22,417. The Commonwealth established this benchmark when the House and Senate passed the legislation (as closely approximating and fairly representing the actual number on the precise date) so as to be able to implement the federal requirement immediately, as is the intent of the law.
  - a) The term "alien workers" for this purpose includes persons admitted to the Commonwealth in immigration classifications 706A, 706B, 706D, 706F, 706I, 706J, 706K, 706L, 706M, 706N, and 706P. Persons in each of these categories are "aliens" and they are all admitted to the Commonwealth under conditions that permit work while in the Commonwealth. Persons who entered or enter the Commonwealth as tourists, students, immediate relatives of aliens (who are not permitted to work), for investment purposes, or under treaty provisions are not included in the term "alien workers." Classification of any alien present in the Commonwealth is determined by the last approved permit application, and aliens admitted under immigration classification 706E who were previously admitted under a classification that permitted work will be deemed "alien workers" for these purposes and permitted to work.
  - b) The term "present in the Commonwealth" includes "alien workers" who have an Authorization for Entry on the effective date and "alien workers" who are temporarily absent from the Commonwealth on the effective date due to medical referral, home leave, family leave, vacation, work assignment, or other temporary absence. These persons have an established employment or residence in the Commonwealth, consistent with the purpose of the federal legislation, and had no reasonable notice with respect to the effective date.
3. Transparency. The Department of Labor will publish each month on its website, on the day after the last business day of the month, the names of the "alien workers" who have departed the Commonwealth on a permanent basis within that month and will publish at the same time the names of the "alien workers" who have entered the Commonwealth within that month. An "alien worker" will be presumed to have departed on a permanent basis unless notice of temporary exit has been received by the Department prior to departure pursuant to Section 4951 of P.L. 15-108 or some equivalent notice is provided to the Division of Immigration prior to or at departure. The Department will not allow entry of "alien workers" in a number that exceeds the number who have departed.
4. Fairness: After the effective date of the federal legislation, "alien workers" will be admitted to the Commonwealth for slots vacated by "alien workers" who have departed the Commonwealth on a permanent basis (after the effective date of the federal legislation) under the following priorities:
  - a) Replacements: An employer who repatriates a foreign national worker (that is, arranges, completes, and pays for a worker's voluntary departure from the Commonwealth) after the effective date of these regulations may utilize the slot created by this departure so long as the completed application for the worker for whom the slot will be utilized is filed with the Department within 90 days of the departure of the repatriated foreign national worker. An employer who repatriated a foreign national worker within six months before the effective date of these regulations may replace that worker under the same conditions, subject to the availability of a slot under these regulations.
  - b) Point system: For slots available and not filled by replacements, priority will be established by a point system. Applicants may submit a point total with each application as follows:
    - (i) For employment of U.S. citizen and permanent resident workers, one point for each percentage of total employment and, in addition, one point for each percentage of total employment above 20%;

- (ii) For years of operation as an established business in the Commonwealth, one point for each year;
- (iii) For major developments as defined in Section 4602(e) of P.L. 15-108 and Part III(B)(5) of these regulations, one hundred points;
- (iv) For classification as a part of the visitor industry, twenty points; and for classification as part of the visitor support industry, ten points; and
- (v) For providing the Department of Labor with a reasonably accurate forecast (updated as necessary) of need for new-entrant foreign workers three months in advance of the proposed arrival, ten points.

The Director of Labor will allocate available slots to the applications on hand having the most points, provided however that the Director may reserve slots for an anticipated major development as necessary. Applications may remain in the process for as long as a need for the foreign national worker continues to exist.

- c) Lottery: The Director of Labor may hold approximately 10% of the available slots for a lottery each month whose participants will be small businesses with fewer than five employees and who have at least one citizen or permanent resident worker in the workforce. Small businesses may also submit applications under the point system above.

5. Sanctions: The Director of Labor is instructed to monitor compliance with the cap carefully and conservatively at all times because, under the federal moratorium, the sanctions for non-compliance fall only on the foreign worker. The federal law provides: "[A]n alien [is subject to removal] at any time if the alien entered the Commonwealth after the date of the enactment of the ... Act and the Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that the Government of the Commonwealth has violated [the cap]."
6. Other regulations: All provisions of P.L. 15-108 and the Commonwealth's Employment Rules and Regulations remain in full force and effect and shall be implemented in a manner consistent with these regulations.

**DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION:** These Proposed Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the sections on emergency and proposed regulations (see 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1))

The Secretary of Labor shall take appropriate measures to make these Regulations known to the persons who may be affected by them (1 CMC 9105(b)(2)).

**IMMEDIATE EFFECT:** These emergency regulations become effective immediately upon filing with the Commonwealth Register and delivery to the Governor. (1 CMC § 9105(b)(2))

**FOR ADDITIONAL FORMATION OR TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:** Please contact Eleanor Nisperos, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for Department of Labor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Caller 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, phone (670) 236-0910, fax (670) 236-0990, e-mail address: enisperos@cnmi-gov.net.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
GIL M. SAN NICOLAS  
Secretary of Labor

\_\_\_\_\_/05/09/08\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Concurred by: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
BENIGNO R. FITIAL  
Governor

\_\_\_\_\_/05/09/08\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Commonwealth Registrar

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Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e), as amended by Public Law 10-50, the emergency rules and regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Office of the Attorney General.

Dated the 9th day of May, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
MATTHEW T. GREGORY,  
Attorney General



# Court dismisses \$61.1M suit vs 2 judges, others

Federal court describes plaintiff as NMI's most active pro se litigant

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The federal court has dismissed the \$61.1 million lawsuit against judges Alex R. Munson and David A. Wiseman and many other persons that had been filed by a man who was previously convicted over a threatening letter.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood ruled that John S. Pangelinan's lawsuit "is repetitive, meritless, vexatious, abusive, and burdensome."

Tydingco-Gatewood also sanctioned Pangelinan to pay attorneys' fees and court costs to all non-federal defendants he included in his litigation.

In a separate order, the judge gave Pangelinan until May 22, 2008 at 3:30pm to explain why he should not be declared a vexatious litigant.

Tydingco-Gatewood described the plaintiff as the Commonwealth's most active pro se litigant.

The judge noted that court records show that Pangelinan filed 18 appeals related to the court's judgment in a 1997 case where he was found liable to pay \$270,000.

In January 2008, Pangelinan filed the \$61.1 million lawsuit against judges Munson and Wiseman. He also named as co-defendants two lawyers, a federal prosecutor, an FBI agent, two federal

probation officers, two U.S. Marshals, and seven other people.

In the lawsuit he filed pro se (without a lawyer), Pangelinan even sued 13 grand jurors and 12 jurors.

Named as co-defendants were attorneys Robert T. Torres, Lillian A. Tenorio, assistant U.S. attorney Craig Moore, federal probation officers Margarita D.L.G. Wonenberg and Melinda N. Brunson, FBI agent Joseph Auther, U.S. Marshals Donald Hall and Wolf Calvert, businessman Roy Alexander, Rufo T. Mafnas, Angelito Trinidad, Ronnie Palomo, Herman Tejada, Esperanza David, and Antonio Alovera.

Pangelinan said the defen-

dants collaborated in his arrest without probable cause, prosecution, conviction and imprisonment solely in retaliation for his public criticism through his June 1, 2006, letter to the editor. He said the defendants denied him due process of law.

On Sept. 27, 2006, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty of charges relating to his letter to the editor dated June 1, 2006 and another letter to the editor on June 19, 2006.

The defense's argument was that Pangelinan was just exercising his freedom of expression in writing the two letters.

But the prosecution asserted that the issue was not about writing the letters, but the threat

contained in the letters.

In January 2007, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated presiding judge Wiseman imposed a one-year prison term on Pangelinan.

The defendant appealed.

In October 2007, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed Pangelinan's conviction on one count of obstruction of a court order. The appellate, however, affirmed the conviction of the same charge in the other count.

In June 2006, the FBI arrested Pangelinan after an indictment was filed in court charging him with two counts of obstruction of a court order.

## Labor allows early transfer for alien garment workers

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The Department of Labor has 18 alien workers of garment manufacturer Kyungseung (Saipan) Inc. to transfer now ahead of the factory's scheduled shutdown next week.

Labor investigator Carlos Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday that of the 18 factory workers (all Chinese) three have canceled their request and expressed intention to go back to China.

Camacho said there are still 113 aliens currently working at Kyungseung's Sadog Tasi factory.

Camacho said the company would give him this week a list of workers that are needed during the transition period.

He is expected to visit Kyungseung on May 23, a day before the factory's planned closure, to distribute to the workers Labor's administrative order for their transfer rights.

With respect to the early transfer of 18 workers, Labor administrative hearing officer Herbert D. Soll said the 18 are among the workers holding permits with longer validity than the intended operations of the company.

Labor determined that the 18 are not at fault and that they have the right to find another

Five persons, through attorney Charles Rotbart, filed a lawsuit in 1997 against Pangelinan and co-defendants for fraud and violation of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Pangelinan lost the case and had judgment entered against him in the amount of \$205,787 plus interest, and for attorneys' fees in the amount of \$70,200.

In 2002, Pangelinan initiated a civil lawsuit against Munson and Rotbart, alleging that both conspired to deprive him of his constitutional rights. The case was subsequently dismissed.

In August 2002, federal court designated judge Edward Manibusan convicted Pangelinan of criminal contempt for disobeying Munson's order related to the 1997 case.

employer.

Soll said garment manufacturer Uno Moda Corp. is waiting to receive the 18 workers and that time is of the essence in this transfer.

Kyungseung general manager Gyeong Bog Lee had earlier informed Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas about the factory's closure on May 24.

In a letter to the employees, Lee cited the adverse economic condition brought by the application of the Federal Minimum Wage Act in the CNMI, the stiff competition against China and other Asian countries, the increased costs of conducting business in the CNMI, and lack of orders as reasons for ceasing operation.

When Kyungseung closes, only six factories will remain standing on Saipan.

Since the start of 2008, six garment factories have already shut down, affecting close to a thousand workers.

Many garment factories on the island started ceasing operations since January 2005 when the World Trade Organization lifted trade quotas worldwide.

CNMI used to have 34 garment factories, all located on Saipan. The garment industry used to contribute some \$60 million in direct taxes a year to the local government.

## Muna: CUC will not hire PIO

Newly appointed Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Antonio Muna said he is not hiring a public information officer "at the moment."

"I need line people [and] meter readers," Muna told the media.

The CUC official said that, although power generation acting manager Gary Camacho is not a PIO by trade, he will perform the information officer's job whenever he is available.

"We will continue the status quo. But as far as hiring any spokesperson or PIO, definitely not at the moment," Muna stressed.

He said CUC would do its best to inform the public at least one day in advance whenever there is a load shedding to be implemented.

Some school officials recently complained that CUC did not inform the schools in advance about power rotation schedules.

Since Pamela Mathis resigned Feb. 14 as spokesperson for CUC—a position she held for 15 years—the utility has had no permanent PIO.

Mathis moved to Arizona to work as spokesperson for the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management. (Ferdie dela Torre)

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# SHRM discussion to center on FMLA updates

The Society for Human Resources Management-CNMI Chapter will be having its monthly membership meeting on Thursday, May 15, with lawyer Marcia K. Schultz as special guest.

Schultz, who is with the Carlsmith Ball LLP, Law Office, will be speaking on updates to the Family Medical Leave Act. Enacted by U.S. Congress in 1993, the Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to eligible employees. Employers with over 50 employees are required to provide such leave for eligible employees for certain family and medical reasons. The Thursday meeting will provide insight on the important changes and amendments Congress has proposed for FMLA.

“As Human Resource professionals, we face many challenges with certain provisions of the FMLA that affect the daily operations of our organization. This is one meeting you do not want to miss and reservations are now being accepted,” the Society said in a statement.

The Chapter meeting will be held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Azucena II. The luncheon meeting entrance fee is \$15 for all SHRM members and \$20 for non-SHRM members. The fee is inclusive of lunch. Doors open at 11:15am for registration. Presentation will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Reservations are required! Individuals interested in attending this meeting should pre-register by contacting Polly Deleon Guerrero at email [pdguerrero@mymarianas.com](mailto:pdguerrero@mymarianas.com), Frannie T. Salas at [francestsalas@gmail.com](mailto:francestsalas@gmail.com) or Tara White at the Fiesta Resort and Spa, Human Resources Department at telephone no. 234-6412, fax no. 233-1216.

“AllSHRM members are urged to join their peers for this current and informative discussion. Non-members, in the business community, whether owners, managers or human resource professionals, are invited to learn more about the Society and to improve their human resource knowledge through this meeting,” the Society statement said.

The CNMI Chapter of the

Society of Human Resource Management is the Commonwealth’s foremost professional forum for discussion and training in Human Resource matters. Recognized as a Superior Merit Chapter, the CNMI branch is composed of human resource professionals from a variety of industries, large and small, who recognize a need for a local society for professionals in the human resource field. The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. (*SHRM*)



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## NOTICE OF HEARINGS PENDING DENIAL APPEALS FOR MAY 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, & 23, 2008

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below. Please bring any documentation necessary to resolve the issues that led to the denial of your permit application. If you fail to appear or fail to bring required documentation, the appeal may be dismissed and an administrative order may be entered against you. Any employee who intends to request permission to transfer to a new employer must appear at the hearing to make that request; failure to appear may result in immediate denial of transfer relief.

| Case No.   | Employee                     | Employer                     | Hearing Date | Time       |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| DC 08-97   | Blancia, Alford O.           | 99 Cents Supermart Inc.      | May 15, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-403  | Pamaran, Rowell C.           | Aguon, Clyde N.              | May 22, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-451  | Escuela, Susan P.            | AR Ent. Inc.                 | May 23, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-226A | Asuncion, Arnold C.          | Asuncion, Carmelito O.       | May 20, 2008 | 11:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-418  | Fernandez, Serafin Jr. A.    | Baitlon, Noel M.             | May 15, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-010  | Baitlon, Glenn T.            | Baitlon, Teresita            | May 22, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-302  | Bermudo Jr., Olimpio P.      | Baltazar, Luisto             | May 22, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-284  | Li, Yu Hong                  | Capitol Corp.                | May 16, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-76   | Jocson, Raul I.              | Castro, Eliseo M.            | May 15, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-258  | Liu, Xingguo                 | Century Corp.                | May 19, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-354  | Serrano, Bienvenido D.       | Cepeda, Doris E.             | May 16, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-323  | Sotto, Romeo M.              | Cepeda, Norma S.             | May 23, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-276  | Tong, Lianfang               | Cui Rong Corporation         | May 19, 2008 | 11:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-386  | Wang, Yindi                  | Dai Development Corp.        | May 15, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-271  | Diana, Domingo C.            | Dailey, Myrna                | May 19, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-270  | Saturno, Eddie S.            | Dailey, Myrna S. C.          | May 19, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-230  | Cabanes, Amalia DL.          | Dela Cruz T&D Shop           | May 20, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-309  | Gomez, Eddie DLC.            | Elms Inc.                    | May 15, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-442  | Robles, Danilo R.            | Esolution Inc.               | May 23, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-191  | Li, Guangfei                 | Feng Ze Corporation          | May 16, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-452  | Wang, Guotao                 | Freedom Inc.                 | May 23, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-262  | Hu, Lunrong                  | Fu Mei Development Corp.     | May 23, 2008 | 3:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-131  | Restauero, Charito R.        | Gaddy, Rosy D.               | May 22, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-115  | Sahagun, Ruben G.            | Golden Eagle Corporation     | May 23, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-213  | Liu, Ying                    | Great Sunshine Corporation   | May 16, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-212  | Wei, Han                     | Great Sunshine Corporation   | May 16, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-367  | Bi, Qian Dang                | Guanglim Corporation         | May 22, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-243  | Cruz, Felix H.               | Hart, Arlene D.              | May 22, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-244  | Palma, Rowena P.             | Hart, Arlene D.              | May 22, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-388  | Hipolito, Leonila P.         | J M Enterprises Inc.         | May 22, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-275  | Sanchez, Gloria L.           | Jabrian, Karikour M.         | May 22, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-255  | Wu, Wei Yun                  | Janvier Corporation          | May 22, 2008 | 3:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-251  | Garillo, Ernesto V.          | Jap Professional Corporation | May 19, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-250  | Mirasol, Zenaida C.          | Jap Professional Corporation | May 23, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-161  | David, Alexander E.          | Jebehn, Ma. Hellena E.       | May 19, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-440  | Xue, Jiang                   | JK Corporation               | May 23, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-253  | Nakamura, Kazunori           | Job Market USA Corporation   | May 15, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-123  | Ferrer, Mary Ann F.          | Joon Corporation             | May 16, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-122  | Genete, Rowena G.            | Joon Corporation             | May 16, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-121  | Malapitan, Marichu De Guzman | Joon Corporation             | May 16, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-444  | Rollon, Aissa S.             | JRC Logistics (Saipan), Inc. | May 22, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-406  | Bautista, Basilia L.         | Julim Ent. Inc.              | May 22, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-136  | Chen, Xunyong                | Jushua International Corp.   | May 15, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |

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|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| DC 08-165  | Cabio, Danilo C.     | JWS Air Con & Refg Inc.         | May 15, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-429  | Ko, Moon Hee         | K. SS. K. Corporation           | May 23, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-413  | Galura, Nestor L.    | Kaleidoscope Inc.               | May 15, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-315  | Wang, Dongqin        | Kangshun Corporation            | May 16, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-443  | Miao, Yuan Jun       | L Y & Z American Corporation    | May 23, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-277  | Liu, Jun             | Liao Ti Corporation             | May 19, 2008 | 3:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-287  | Kim, Byung Hwan      | LT Tour Corporation             | May 16, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-332  | Rufo, Maria Luisa S. | Maanao, Artemio C.              | May 16, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-296  | Kashem, MD Abul      | Mangarero, Enrique              | May 16, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-402  | Yoneda, Jun Ji       | Marianas Sunrise Ent. Inc.      | May 22, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-130  | Bedruz, Jenette C.   | Meros Corporation               | May 22, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-225B | Carreon, Macrino Q.  | Meros Corporation               | May 20, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-409  | Shang, Yu Zhen       | Micronesia Holding Co., LCC     | May 22, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-342  | Bechayda, Arnulfo B. | Mirano, Earl E. C.              | May 23, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-347  | Chua, Leonedes C.    | Mirano, Earl E. C.              | May 23, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-344  | Cobacha, Joselito    | Mirano, Earl E. C.              | May 23, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-345  | Corpuz, Russell R.   | Mirano, Earl E. C.              | May 23, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-343  | Matias, Daisy P.     | Mirano, Earl E. C.              | May 23, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-346  | Rago, Franklin A.    | Mirano, Earl E. C.              | May 23, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-282  | Gonzales, Elenita C. | MRS3 Corporation                | May 16, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-133  | Choi, Jae Ho         | Nury Corporation                | May 22, 2008 | 11:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-257  | Huang, Zheng         | Pacific Fang Hui Corp.          | May 23, 2008 | 11:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-411  | Bangot, Lornet D.    | Pangelinan, Mariano K.          | May 15, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-256  | Alulod, Dolores T.   | Par Enterprises Inc.            | May 23, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-351  | Garcia, Dominador R. | Powermate Freight Frwds Inc.    | May 16, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-321  | Shen, Wenzhe         | PQ Corporation                  | May 22, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-222  | Mu, Yuling           | R & H USA Investment Corp. Ltd. | May 15, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-224  | Sun, Jie             | R & H USA Investment Corp. Ltd. | May 15, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-223  | Wang, Dandan         | R & H USA Investment Corp. Ltd. | May 15, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-221  | Yuan yuan, Liu       | R & H USA Investment Corp. Ltd. | May 20, 2008 | 3:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-264  | Parfan, Rolando B.   | Reyes, Consuelo M.              | May 20, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-132  | Agbayani, Nida R.    | Rodens Corporation              | May 23, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-225A | Tamayo, Federico C.  | Romavilla Coproration           | May 20, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-289  | Pascua, Alma C.      | Sablan, Tito M.                 | May 16, 2008 | 1:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-454  | Sakano, Mihoko       | Saipan Coral Reef, Inc.         | May 22, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-410  | Shang, Li            | Sunleader Co. Ltd.              | May 22, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-135  | Sabado, Roselyn M.   | Web International Inc.          | May 15, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-124  | Culanggo, Lucia I.   | White House Ent. Inc.           | May 22, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-125  | Olasiman, Marcela B. | White House Ent. Inc.           | May 22, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-446  | Nardo, Elizabeth B.  | Xin Long Corporation            | May 23, 2008 | 10:00 a.m. |
| DC 08-306  | Shin, Im Soon        | Y.H. Corporation                | May 22, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-352  | Tang, Xinmei         | Yong He Pacific Corp.           | May 16, 2008 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| DC 08-120  | Ueno, Nobumi         | YTS Micronesia Inc.             | May 15, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |
| DC 08-417  | Ventura, Amanda B.   | YTS Micronesia Inc.             | May 15, 2008 | 9:00 a.m.  |

## GOP calls members to a meeting

A general membership meeting for registered members of the CNMI Republican Party will be conducted on May 14, 2008, Wednesday, at the Garapan Central Park, with new membership registration at 5pm followed by the official opening of the 2008 GOP Membership Meeting at 6pm.

Agenda for the meeting includes election of officers for 2008-2009 and adoption of Minutes for Sept. 1, 2007, and Feb. 23, 2008.



# World Resort launches 'Rush Hour 799' mini-buffet at Red Box resto

By MARK RABAGO  
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ASSISTANT EDITOR

Saipan World Resort on Friday welcomed VIPs and several members of the media to the opening of its lunch buffet, Rush Hour 799, which is geared toward the local market, specifically the working class.

As its name suggests, the buffet costs a mere \$7.99 but it avails diners a wide selection of entrees and desserts. It also has a soup corner and a salad bar to boot.

The hotel's public relations manager, Carmen C. Cabrera, thanked everyone who attended the soft opening at Red Box and invited the public to have their lunch at Rush Hour 799 today, May 12, when it



formally opens.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout. I'm very pleased with the response that we got from the guests we have invited. They're happy that we came out with this, especially with the ever-rising costs we have. We have to be mindful of that as a hotel about our community needs and that we do think about them."

Among those who graced the soft opening were Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Finance Secretary Eloy Inos, senior policy adviser Ray Mafnas, and press secretary Charles Reyes.

Cabrera said that World Resort came up with the Rush Hour 799 concept to meet the demand for tasty but healthy selections of entrees at a price that guests can afford.

"Rush Hour 799 is catered and designed for the working class because they only have one hour for lunch. So you rush out of work, your clock starts ticking. You go out and get your meal and you make sure it's a good one and it's affordable and healthy. Those things don't need to be compromised so we came out with Rush Hour 799 where you can come, get your food, eat, and go."

World Resort F&B manager Das Krishnan echoed this. "We wanted something that the lo-



cals can patronize, especially with the economy being down. We want to introduce something that people can afford to come out and enjoy their meals."

Cabrera added that the increased activity at its main restaurant, The Buffet World, also was a factor in World Resort launching Rush Hour 799.

"Our restaurant has been very busy because of our occupancy level so we cannot forget that there is still the local community that does come in and eat and they have to stand in line because we are very busy so that's one of the reasons why we came out with this concept. It's for the local market."

While Red Box can accommodate only 40-50 people, Cabrera said the unique thing about

the mini lunch buffet concept is that customers don't necessarily have to eat at the outlet.

"You can get your food and eat outside and enjoy the fresh air and great scenery. You have the option to eat inside or outside," she said.

At only \$7.99 per head, Cabrera said World Resort does not expect to make a killing out of the Rush Hour 799 concept.

"Our real reward is when we see people smiling after they eat—because they are full, they were able to afford it, and they're satisfied."

Aside from the affordable price and sumptuous entrees, frequent diners can expect different types of cuisine from Monday to Sunday.

"What we're trying to do is



if we have fried rice today we will not have the same thing the next day. In the soup corner, today you have *tong yam*, tomorrow it could be *sinigang* or some other kind of soup. Everyday is going to be different," said Krishnan.

Rush Hour 799 is open from 11am to 1:30pm at the Red Box.

"I want everybody who works to come over and enjoy our mini lunch buffet and give me some comments about what they think of our Rush Hour 799 concept."

In related news, World Resort has partnered with CHC Volunteers Association, though Rush Hour 799. Cabrera said the hotel will launch a penny drive where all proceeds will go to the CHC Volunteers for their projects.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 12, 1999

### Telesource eyes Dynasty's vessels

In what appears to be a move to strengthen its business interest in the Northern Marianas, Telesource CNMI Inc. is planning to acquire two ferry boats from Tinian Shipping Company Inc. amid deepening financial troubles gripping the shipping firm. The two ferry boats is owned by Tinian Shipping, a subsidiary of Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd. which operates the cash-strapped Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

### Legislature eyes lease extension for SNM san BPL nod

In a move that may anger public lands officials, Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes yesterday raised the possibility for the Legislature to go ahead with the plan to extend the lease of the financially-troubled Rota Resort and Country Club. Legal counsels for the Legislature have recommended voting on the resort's request for an extension even without going through the public lands board in light of the move made by lawmakers two years ago, according to the senator.

### Plan will save Rota Resort from closure

The chair of the House Natural Resources Committee yesterday defended a decision by legislators to entertain the appeal for 15-year lease extension from Rota Resort and Country Club, saying it is intended to bail out the company from its current financial troubles. Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio threw support behind a proposed meeting between the Legislature, the Board of Public Lands and SNM Corporation, the resort's owner, in an attempt to seek solution on the issue.

May 12, 2000

### Legal opinion backs abortion

The CNMI government is now faced with a dilemma on how to deal with the abortion issue on the island in light of a legal opinion issued by the Attorney General's Office which says that any woman may legally obtain an abortion in the Northern Marianas. The legal opinion was crafted in 1995 but resurfaced after discussion on abortion was resurrected in the House of Representatives early this week that has drawn strong opposition from the Catholic church.

### Pepero: I will respect the party's decision

Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, who is eyeing the Republican nomination for next year's gubernatorial elections, has underscored the need to keep the party's unity after the GOP primary to ensure victory in the polls. He pledged to throw his support behind whoever the party chooses as its standard bearer at the 2001 elections, saying that he also expects Republican opponents to back his candidacy if and when he wins in the primary.

### Public warned against fake health inspectors

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez yesterday cautioned businesses against impostors posing as health inspectors who try to collect money from various hotels and restaurants. The warning came after the Department of Public health received complaints about the alleged Bureau of Environmental Health inspectors demanding payment during their visit.

May 12, 2003

### PSS admits shortcomings on student performance

Public School System officials have admitted to the Legislature their shortcomings in adequately equipping high school students for a college education. "We raised the issue with PSS and they are aware of the situation and they themselves admitted that some of the students who graduate from high school are not as prepared as they would like them to be," said Rep. Daniel Quitugua.

### WHO: No travel restrictions vs Philippines

The World Health Organization has clarified that it does not recommend any travel restrictions to Manila even as the Philippine government has reportedly filed a formal protest with the Geneva-based organization for alleged misclassification of the country as having "medium level" SARS transmission-the same category as Canada and Singapore-as of Friday. In its latest advisory, WHO acknowledged that cluster of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome cases in Manila "have been well-contained."



# Board approves changes to zoning maps

The Zoning Board approved changes to the official zoning maps in a decision made on May 8. These changes, called "rezones," are available for viewing in the Zoning Office or can be viewed or downloaded from the zoning website [www.zoning.gov.mp](http://www.zoning.gov.mp).

Also on May 8, the Zoning Board approved circulation of proposed changes to the text requirements of the Saipan Zoning Law. Some changes were circulated for public review in April but on May 8, the board decided to revise the changes and to circulate them for another public review.

The Board is also circulating another set of proposed rezones for public review. A public open house will be held to explain these proposals and a public hearing will be held to take public formal comments.

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Date: Friday, June 13, 2007

Time: 2pm and 6:30pm (same program both sessions)

Place: Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

## Northwest launches Seattle-Beijing flights

**EAGAN, Minn.**—Northwest Airlines on Thursday announced an expansion of its trans-Pacific route network with new daily nonstop service from Seattle to Beijing.

Scheduled to begin March 1, 2009, Northwest's new nonstop service will conveniently connect Beijing to Seattle and destinations throughout the United States via flights operated by Northwest and our codeshare partners Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air.

"Northwest Airlines is proud to be Seattle's largest air service provider across both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans," said Neal Cohen, Northwest Airlines' executive vice president of strategy and international and CEO-regional airlines.

Northwest also serves Seattle with nonstop international service to Amsterdam, London Heathrow and Tokyo. Cohen added, "With the new service, Northwest is the only U.S. carrier to provide nonstop service to two of the major economic capitals of Asia – both Beijing and Tokyo."

China is an economic powerhouse and key player in today's global economy. This is particularly important to the State of Washington, according to its Governor, Christine Gregoire.

"China is Washington State's number one export market with nearly limitless opportunities for growth," said Governor Christine Gregoire. "Northwest Airlines' new flight will greatly expand our ability to increase trade, tourism, education and cultural exchange with China, bringing new jobs and economic development to our state. It also reinforces Seattle as the gateway to Asia and the Pacific. I'm very pleased that we continue to lengthen our list of direct international flights from Seattle on Northwest Airlines."

"We are seeing the addition of the Seattle-Beijing service as very positive," said Mark Evans, Microsoft senior director, global procurement group. "This will give our travelers the additional flexibility that they've been wanting and is very good news for the Seattle market." (Northwest)

## PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

## Free NMC info session

Those interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers are encouraged to attend the Northern Marianas College's free information session which will be held on May 15, at 6pm – 8pm, at the Saipan Grand Hotel's Seaside Hall.

Representatives from different degree and certificate programs, as well as counseling, financial aid and admissions staff, will be on hand to answer questions. Current students will also be speaking about their experiences at NMC and will be also be fielding questions.

Individuals who attend this free information session will qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for the 2008 Summer or

Fall semesters.

NMC offers numerous degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, associate degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing, natural resource management, criminal justice, hospitality management, and more. Moreover, it offers many certificate programs in many different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

The free information session is open to everyone, including graduating seniors and their parents, government and private sector employees, international students, and members of the general public who are interested in learning more about the programs at NMC. (NMC)

The proposed amendments and map changes may be viewed at the Zoning Office on the second floor of the Joeten Building in DanDan, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, or on the Zoning Board website [www.zoning.gov.mp](http://www.zoning.gov.mp). (PR)



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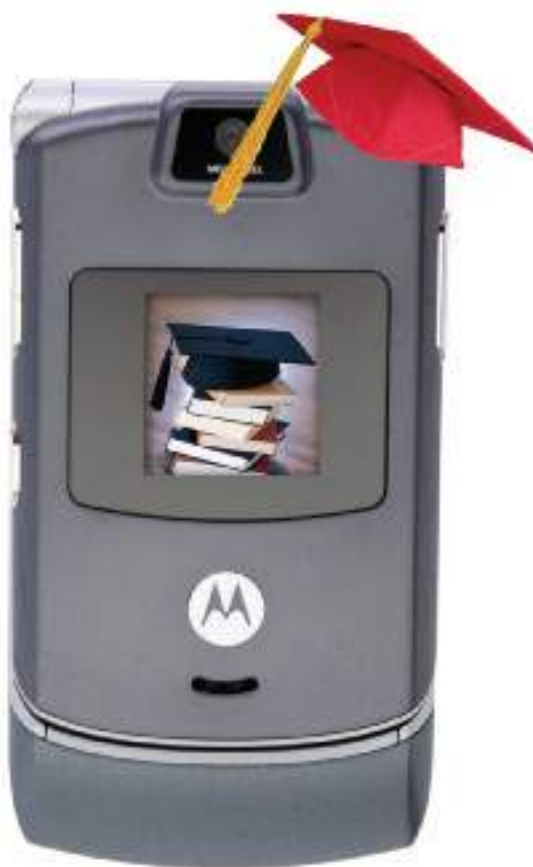
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## Burma's blockade

A horrific crime is being carried out by the clique of generals that rules Burma, with the world as witness. According to the United Nations, some 1.5 million people near the country's southern coast are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance following Cyclone Nargis last weekend. Tens of thousands are dead, and 1 million or more are homeless. The few reports reaching the outside world from the Irrawaddy Delta region, where 2,000 square miles are underwater, speak of thousands of refugees camped in the open without food, medicine or clean water amid the stench of rotting bodies.

A huge corps of rescuers — teams from the United Nations, the International Red Cross and dozens of other groups — has been waiting for days to tackle this daunting challenge. The U.S. Navy has ships and helicopters ready to execute search-and-rescue missions and fly supplies beyond washed-out roads and bridges. Burma itself is unable to mount such an operation: It has, for example, only half a dozen or so working helicopters.

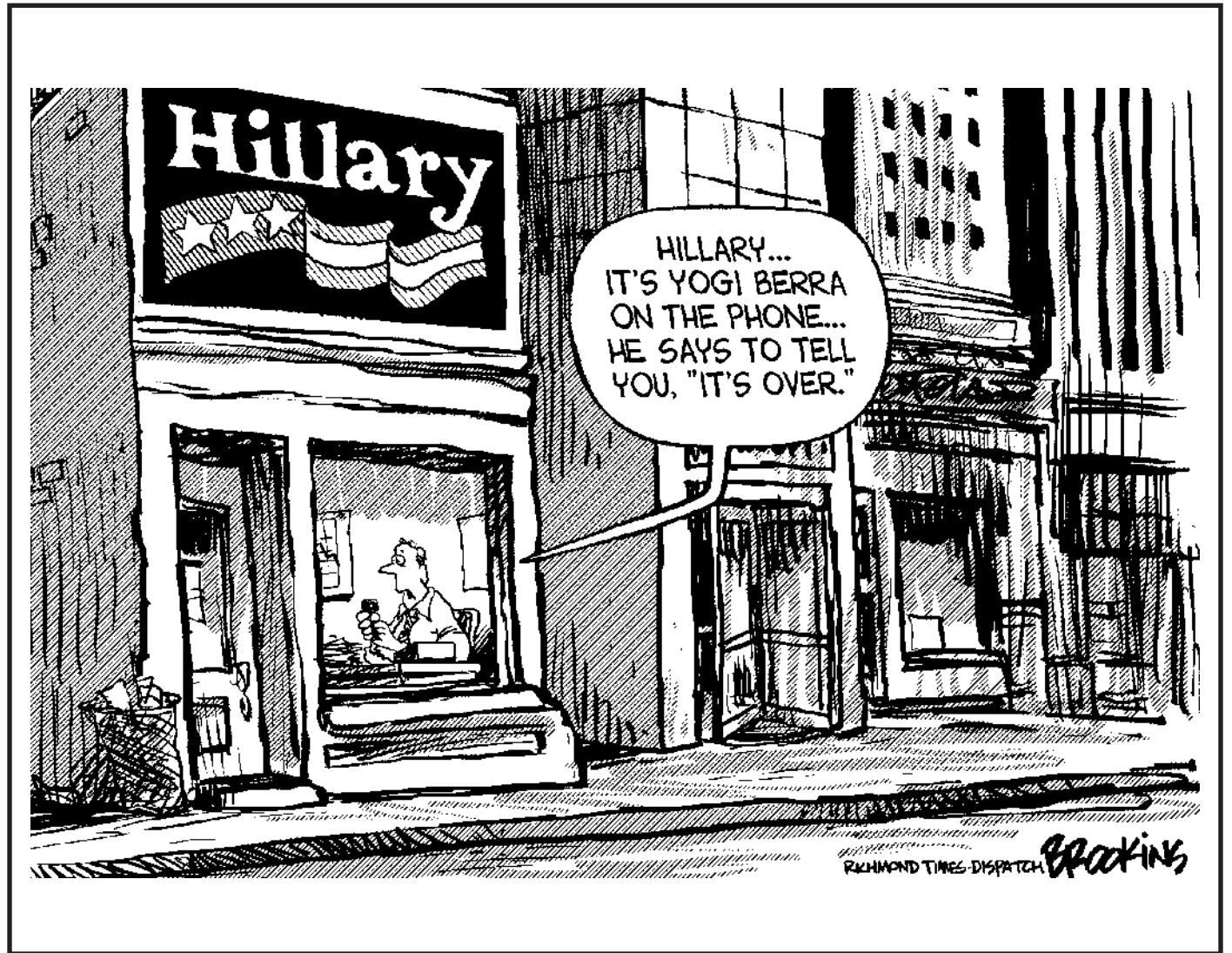
Yet the generals are blocking the rescue of their own people. While about two dozen planes from Asian countries and the United Nations have been allowed to land in the capital, Rangoon, during the past few days, the junta has denied visas to relief workers. Insisting that it will distribute all the aid itself, it has impounded much of the supplies at the airport. The United States has been granted permission to land a single planeload of supplies — and that only next Monday, 10 days after the cyclone struck.

This criminal delay and denial of humanitarian aid is likely to cause the death of tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, more people. Experts say epidemics of such diseases as cholera are likely to break out because of the absence of clean water, and starvation is another danger. U.N. officials have been issuing increasingly dire warnings. Yet Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has literally not been able to get the top general, Than Shwe, on the telephone; for two days his calls have been unreturned. Judging from its public statements, the regime — incredibly — remains focused on the referendum it plans to hold Saturday on a new constitution that will institutionalize military rule. Rather than offering the hope of relief, Burmese media Friday reminded citizens of their "patriotic duty" to vote.

Three years ago, the United Nations adopted a doctrine to deal with exactly this sort of situation. Known as "right to protect," it foresaw the Security Council authorizing a humanitarian rescue operation even without the cooperation of the national government. Yet France's attempt to raise Burma's case before the Security Council on Thursday was opposed by China, Russia, South Africa and other developing countries, which apparently cherish the ideology of nonintervention more than the lives of hundreds of thousands of Burmese. Burma's neighbors and Western governments will share responsibility if this man-made catastrophe is allowed to continue.

The United States, France and Britain should support a Security Council resolution demanding the admission of aid and relief workers and insist that it be urgently and publicly debated. Under such pressure, and with the Olympics approaching, China — Burma's most influential neighbor — may find that its interest lies in supporting humanitarian intervention. If it wishes to defend the junta at the cost of thousands of innocent lives, it should at least be made to do so on the record.

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## Is it too late to save our economy? Part II

In continuing our discussion about our sagging economy, we have to figure in the amount of money that is being sent off island by our nonresident workers and its effect on the economy. Someone mentioned that this sum is close to the staggering amount of \$100 million per year. If true, this is a tremendous loss to our economy because it does not stay here and re-circulate or get re-invested.

The Philippine worker and Bangladeshi send all their money home to support their families. Imagine if so much money were to stay here? People would buy more goods, spend it for entertainment, save it, invest it in new businesses or expand their current one. Have you ever questioned where do all the profits that foreign investors make go? Where else but to their home countries, of course.

The other day I had lunch with a friend discussing a very disturbing issue which many of us think and feel about but rarely openly express. We both came to the conclusion that there is only one ace remaining we still have before we are completely dominated. We local people still control the election of our government officials. But for how long?

Each year we have an increasing number of children born in the CNMI from nonresident workers who are reaching the voting age. I would be interested in knowing what that number is in 2008. I suspect that it is close to 1,000 voters. You can do the numbers and approximate how long before it reaches where the local votes match the children's votes born of foreign parents.

When I lived in Hawaii, I saw a Japanese man become governor, a Philippine man become governor, a Hawaiian man, and now an American lady. There is nothing wrong with that scenario. And it will happen here in the CNMI. But I am trying to express a point. Unless we wake up and begin to take matters into our own hands to help ourselves, we will follow in the same path. We will have lost control over both our economy and our Legislature. There goes our local pride and our identity.

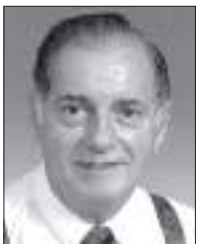
Many of us think that the CNMI has been very lucky in its ability to import all the cheap labor it has over the past years. Some of us proudly say: "Look at how we have been able to build our infrastructure, our grand hotels, paved our streets and all the niceties we enjoy." But how many of us have looked at the other side of the coin? This so-called lucky break has destroyed the will of our people to work for ourselves.

Recently a friend and I discussed this issue of working for the government. As an American and well-educated in the States, he mentioned that while in high school and college, he and his classmates whenever they discussed what they would do after graduation, never considered working for the government. Instead they were going to work in various businesses or set up their own, but none ever considered working for the government. I realized also

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that I had the same experience. All my friends and I never considered working for the government. Only here. Today walk into any high school class and ask a young student what kind of job he wants. The immediate answer from the majority will be: "I want to work for the government." What a sad commentary on the aspirations of our youth.

Our problems were caused by our own shortsightedness. They can likewise be corrected by our strong will and determination and careful planning. Several major changes must be started quickly if we are ever to regain control of our economy and keep political control of our government.

The first step we must do is to jointly decide who we are and what kind of relationship we want with the United States. We must also decide what we want to become in this new age. We must cease dreaming of past days. Only the future lies ahead. There is no turning back. We are part of the world of nations.

We must begin educating ourselves on how to operate small businesses. We must begin owning our own businesses. We must change our attitude about letting someone else operate them. Unless we do, we will always be dependent on foreigners. We must also begin educating ourselves to take over the trades such as carpentry, plumbing and others before the nonresident worker leaves.

Let us understand that the CNMI has moved into a new arena of relationship with the United States. The United States is not our enemy, but our friend. It has repeatedly shown this by the tremendous infusion of money into the CNMI. It also shows its concern by setting up and paying for regulatory agencies to protect our environment. It contributes almost half of the PSS' budget. It also gives us millions of dollars for our disabled residents. It pays food stamp recipients almost \$8 million annually. Does this sound that they are unconcerned? Remember this money is paid by American taxpayers.

I just had a thought which caused me to smile. All the local people migrating to the United States will have to pay income taxes from their earnings. Guess what? Part of their tax money will come back to us as subsidy money from the federal government. Now our own

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## W.Va. teachers hope to return to defined benefit retirement plan

### Could this be a harbinger for the NMI at some future point?

An article in my hometown paper caught my eye which concerned a group of West Virginia teachers who had once participated in the State's Defined Benefit Plan and who were convinced to convert to Defined Contribution Plan, which after joining became dissatisfied with the plan—most are now trying to return to their former Benefit Plan. I couldn't help but wonder if this could be a harbinger for the NMI government's defined contribution retirement plan.

I discussed the reason for the dissatisfaction with the contribution plan on the part of some of the teachers with Mr. David Haney, executive director of the West Virginia Teacher's Association. I was told that many of the teachers felt that the required monitoring of their own retirement contribution in a DCP was more difficult and involved than previously thought. They recognized the requirement for rather sophisticated (and timely) knowledge of the stock market, their 401ks, IRAs and other investments.

I then thought about such difficulties as possibly relating to the NMI considering the date and time difference between the NMI and say, brokers in New York at the NYSE or in California and the impact for good or ill when timing is critical in urgent buy or sell situations as related to the individual management of a person's stock portfolios. Of course, investments in Asian markets would not have the same "time sensitive" urgency when one wants to individually buy or sell based on immediate market conditions at the time. Google "*stock market risks and rewards*" for more information.

Consider that as a result of the International Date Line between Hawaii and the Mariana Islands. As a consequence of this geographic meridian, at no time do normal business hours on the United States east coast coincide with those of the Northern Marianas. Indeed, telephone communication from the U.S. west coast and Hawaii, when conducted during normal business hours and work days, can only take place 4 days a week or between Monday and Thursday (in the US) and Tuesday to Friday (on the islands). This could be a real handicap for those wanting to manage their own investment in Wall Street's stock market. While it's true one could always turn investment decisions over to an investment advisor, there is a cost involved for such management of a person's money—that advice isn't free.

As the chief investment economist for J. & W. Seligman, Douglas Peta observed, "We know there is a lot of paper out there that we

can't trust. We don't know exactly who owns it and how much. And we don't know how they are valuing it." A sobering statement.

To get some appreciation of the amount of money one will need in retirement the following should be considered:

- Social Security life tables will provide an estimate as to how long one is (statistically) likely to live after retirement;
- Each individual should decide on how much money will be necessary to sustain one's reasonable self-defined lifestyle;
- All estimates should consider the loss in purchasing power as a result of inflation (see the NMI consumer price index for these data).

The U.S. government, in an attempt to assist private businesses with their employee retirement plans, enacted the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This law concerned private companies only—not government pension plans.

Information on this action can be "Googled."

The president of the W.Va. Education Association was quoted as saying, "Estimates ran nine to one in favor of transferring" (back to the defined benefit plan).

Apparently, according to the article, West Virginia "lawmakers provided for the voluntary switchovers (back to the benefit plan) after fielding complaints that TCD accounts (Time Certified Deposits) weren't yielding enough returns for retirement" (from the contribution plan).

The article continued, "Blame has ranged from negligent oversight by individual enrollees (in the defined contribution plan) and shoddy advice from state-hired consultants to the inherent risks of playing the stock market."

As I mentioned in my op-ed piece in the *Saipan Tribune* on May 19, 2006 titled: *Pension Plans and Investment Sophistication (Retirement Risks, Regrets & Rewards - A Personal Observation)*, "This is where investment sophistication come into play. Bear in mind if investing is so easy, why do so many people lose in the stock market?"

For a few reasons, check out <http://www.sec.gov/answers/day-trading.htm>

Those interested in the West Virginia experience could contact Mr. Haney at (304) 346-5315. E mail dhaney@nea.org.

Sources: "Teacher Pension Transfer Plan", *The Charleston Gazette*, May 5, 2008, page 3A and "Teacher's Defined Contribu-

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**Bravo—Justice served.**

I would be remiss if I did not mention and applaud the recent action by the Superior Court not to dismiss the Fund's lawsuit which seeks payment of \$119 million due the Fund from the central government. What I found shocking was the government's attempt to get out of its obligation to pay the Fund what is rightly due the members by the very act of going to court and attempting to prove that the Fund didn't have sufficient facts to support their case against the government. This was simply ludicrous on the part of the central government and in my opinion dishonest. It's the type of action one might expect to witness in some banana republic, not a U.S. Commonwealth.

The very audacity of the administration in going to court in the first place to argue that the Fund had not satisfied the requirements for a *writ of mandamus* simply flies in the face of integrity. For those who may not be familiar with the legal term, in this instance the Latin term *mandamus* or "command" is an order from the Superior Court to a government entity (in this case the administration) to do some specific act, which it is obliged to do under law, namely, in this instance, pay the Fund what it owes. And this is what the central government tried to avoid!

The arrogance displayed by such an effort directed against the members of the Fund, all loyal past and present employees, is disgusting in the extreme.

I ask you, as a member of the Fund, what do you think of the government's thwarted action designed to once again stiff the Fund?

## Marrying Marys Merry Month of May

I was told that there has been a significant rise of marriage registrations in the last two years, that the line for IR applicants at the Immigration Office is littered with May-to-November supplicants. Nothing wrong with this fact, but these days, with the heightened awareness on matters pertaining to immigration after the passage of the bill that will soon federalize the procedures of Mel Grey's office, interest on the subject, official and otherwise, has become front page material.

As has been the case of many newsworthy items I have followed, I take the view from the human level, up close and personal. Of course, it would be easier to lump all the marrying Marys on island together and make general abstractions. Or, stick with the legal nuances that may either enlighten or obfuscate provisions of immigration law, a neat trick perfected by practitioners of the legal profession when they choose which tack to apply depending on which side of the bench is providing butter for the their bread. Or, better still, track the obvious attraction to the variations of the name "Maria," ever astounding in its mystery, as it has been an appellation in the Western tradition to a revered mother, an awestruck disciple, and a very endearing and faithful prostitute. Indeed, among the *Irma la dulce* and the *Pretty Woman* that populate the evening shadows of our shores, choice of the name abounds.

Puerto Rican Diego of the plastered smile and romantic eyes is still singing a line of the famous song: "*Maria, I've just met a girl named Maria, and suddenly the name will never be the same to me.*" Last year, he tutored Mary in English so that she could improve her prospects of snagging a husband. After an off-island trip in May, Diego returned to find his student in the custody of the CNMI's Correctional facility.

Mary hails from Shenyang, northeast of Beijing. At 24, she was happily married with a baby girl when her husband got killed in a motorcycle accident. As was the custom, she returned to her family where two brothers, customarily already favored, had hogged the family resources. Mary took resources she could lay her hands on (translate: borrowed heavily) and followed an employment line that ended on Saipan. Entrance fee: \$7,500 plus travel expenses.

Mary thought she signed a three-year contract. Her employer let her go after a year. She lodged a labor complaint. Devoid of security, she found it in the arms of an extroverted Cantonese business-

man who also had a yen for gaming tables. Mary waited on tables, tolerated her *lao gong's* vices, and birthed herself an American-passported boy. When her old man's business collapsed, she traveled with him to Guangzhou where she discovered that he already had a two-child family and a *ta lao po* (primal spouse) who treated her with utmost disdain and contempt. Mary found friends in her old man's taxi-driving best friend and his wife.

Seeing a dead end to her situation, Mary packed her son and took him to her family in Shenyang. Her sister, an organist at a local Christian Church, decided to raise the son; Mary had enough funds saved for four years' support. Mary returned to Saipan where a niece 'hired' her to manage her karaoke club. She was bent to improve her prospects.

Crossing into 40, Mary kept her eyes on available husbands. She dated a Correction officer who turned out to have never finalized his divorce. Mary was wooed by a federal employee who double-timed her with another significant other. When Mary dropped him, he had the temerity to testify at her hearing, claiming that given the setup he observed of Mary's business, that she was running a house of prostitution. Duh!

Mary's niece was Diego's barber. He consented to tutoring Mary on her English, spending an hour three afternoons a week at her club. Diego introduced Mary to his unmarried brother and a colleague in North Carolina who were both prospects.

Diego was married to a young Xiamen girl who herself had a colored entry into the CNMI. She had come to the island under a program that was to polish her English and prepare her for a professional license. The sponsoring institution turned out unprepared to offer the services they had promised; some would actually characterize Marie's group as being conned like innocent ewes. Marie and two companions, out of 10, sought Diego's assistance to which he gladly complied, to be moved to the local community college where they eventually graduated with distinction, and in due time, properly licensed.

A romance blossomed, and a year later, love-struck Diego and young Marrie married. He took Marie to Chicago to meet his family; he envisioned a life together even with the age difference, though he made it clear that she can leave when she deemed it time. They started talking about buying a house, so he began thinking long-haul. Unbeknown to Diego, Marie applied for an immigrant visa

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on her own, so the next time they were to travel in anticipation of Diego's Dad's advanced age, Marie's application was refused.

The tyranny of the green card, a sore item in the Diego-Marie household, became a taunting mantra of Marie's friends: "He does not love you, he is keeping you captive by not getting you a green card!" Diego had not been careful with his IRS papers and he needed three years worth to make the application. He had just gotten his third year taxes paid and alerted his lawyer to proceed with the application. It turned out to be too late.

Diego got Mary to get out of the business altogether. He took her on his off-hours to prospective buyers of the establishment. Two things happened: Marie's friends convinced her that Diego was having an affair with Mary. "I do not bed people I help!" he thundered. "You bedded me," she retorted. The wife of Mary's Guandong friend called about coming to Saipan for employment, vowing to do anything and pay all costs. Mary did the not-uncommon magic of fraudulent papers. The FBI's hysteria on human trafficking, Falun Gong's particular moralism, and Guma Ezperanza's ongoing crusade on abused women got Mary to the monkey house.






Marie walked out on Diego; she found someone else who did her immigrant papers. Mary sits at a Federal penitentiary in California. Diego has remained Mary's *lao shi* (teacher). Diego is steadfast in his conviction that his and Marie's was a love story. The more skeptical of his colleagues have tried hard to dissuade him of this illusion but he looks at all the lovely and lively marrying Marys in the merry month of May who abound in Saipan, and his plastered smile stays, his romantic eyes beam, and he lifts a Glenfiddich jigger to toast the May-to-November crowd and says: May your tribe prosper!



Sattelite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers.<br>East winds 15 to 20 mph.                  | Partly cloudy with isolated showers.<br>East winds 15 to 20 mph.                  | Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  | Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.  | Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.   |
| ▲88° ▼79°   | ▲86° ▼75°   | ▲85° ▼76°   | ▲86° ▼77°  | ▲86° ▼76°   |

### Micronesia

|               |                |         |
|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Guam and Rota | Cloudy         | ▲88 ▼79 |
| Palau         | Thunderstorms  | ▲85 ▼78 |
| Yap           | Cloudy         | ▲88 ▼77 |
| Chuuk         | Thundestroms   | ▲88 ▼78 |
| Pohnpei       | Thunderstorms  | ▲86 ▼79 |
| Kosrae        | Cloudy         | ▲89 ▼77 |
| Majuro        | Thundershowers | ▲86 ▼77 |

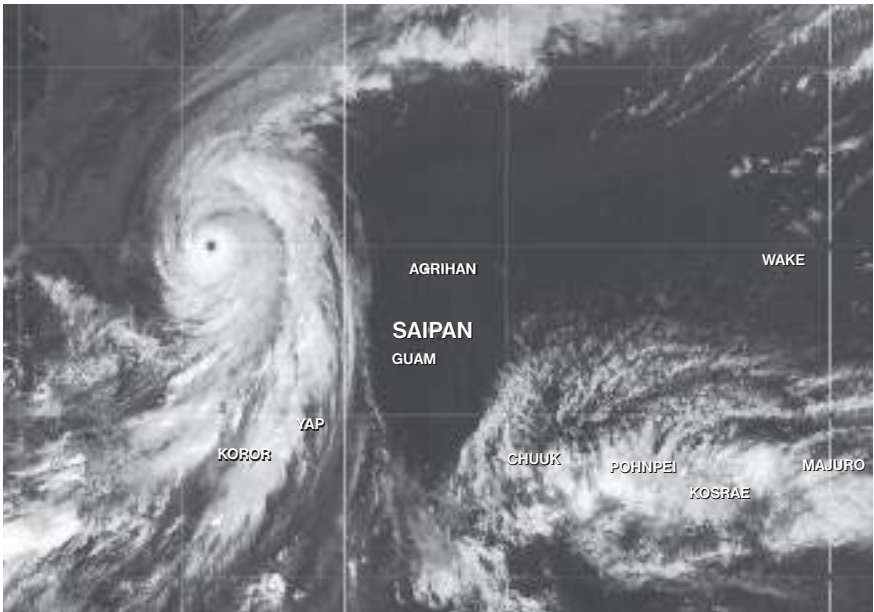
### Around The Globe

|                |                |         |
|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Auckland       | Mostly Sunny   | ▲58 ▼48 |
| Beijing        | Showers        | ▲64 ▼46 |
| Hong Kong      | Mostly Sunny   | ▲84 ▼70 |
| Honolulu       | Partly Sunny   | ▲80 ▼70 |
| London         | Mostly Sunny   | ▲77 ▼55 |
| Los Angeles    | Cloudy         | ▲70 ▼55 |
| Manila         | Thundershowers | ▲90 ▼79 |
| Melbourne      | Mostly Sunny   | ▲68 ▼55 |
| Miami          | Mostly Sunny   | ▲89 ▼70 |
| New York       | Rain           | ▲54 ▼44 |
| Osaka          | Mostly Sunny   | ▲66 ▼51 |
| Paris          | Mostly Sunny   | ▲74 ▼56 |
| Pusan          | Partly Sunny   | ▲62 ▼54 |
| Rome           | Thunderstorms  | ▲70 ▼56 |
| Salem          | Mostly Cloudy  | ▲60 ▼41 |
| San Francisco  | Mostly Sunny   | ▲66 ▼50 |
| Seoul          | Mostly Cloudy  | ▲68 ▼52 |
| Tokyo          | Cloudy         | ▲63 ▼52 |
| Washington, DC | Rain           | ▲59 ▼45 |

### Tides

| Saipan Harbor |            |          |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| 2:26AM Today  | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 8:06AM Today  | Low Tide:  | 1.2 Feet |
| 12:16PM Today | High Tide: | 1.5 Feet |
| 7:48PM Today  | Low Tide:  | 0.1 Feet |

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super typhoon 03W (Rammasun) is centered near 20N132E and moving northward at 15 mph. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms associated with the typhoon are found from 15N to 25N between 130E and 138E. For more detailed information, see jtwc warnings issued under wmo header wtpn31 pgtw. Convergent southwest winds to the south of the typhoon are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within the tail of the system from 15N130E to 15N139E to 3N133E to 7N130E back to 15N130E. Koror lies within this region. Trade-wind convergence combined with upper-level divergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorm activity across a broad region within 175 miles of a line from 4N148E to 7N157E to 7N165E to 2N180. This area includes Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Majuro.

### Sunrise/Sunset

|           |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Today     | 5:49AM | 6:38PM |
| Tuesday   | 5:49AM | 6:38PM |
| Wednesday | 5:49AM | 6:38PM |
| Thursday  | 5:48AM | 6:39PM |
| Friday    | 5:48AM | 6:39PM |

### Moonrise/Moonset

|           |         |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| Today     | 12:14PM | 12:25AM |
| Tuesday   | 1:07PM  | 1:07AM  |
| Wednesday | 1:56PM  | 1:44AM  |
| Thursday  | 2:45PM  | 2:20AM  |
| Friday    | 3:32PM  | 2:54AM  |

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| DEPARTURES   | ARRIVALS   |
|--|--|
| <b>Saipan-Rota</b><br>CO 9313 8:30am 9:05am 3,4,7  | <b>Rota-Saipan</b><br>CO 9598 11:10am 11:45am 1,2,6  |
| <b>Saipan-Guam</b><br>CO9317 4:00am 4:50am Daily<br>CO9597 8:30am 9:20am 1,2,5,6<br>CO9313 8:30am 10:00am 3,4,7 via Rota<br>CO9601 12:30pm 1:20pm Daily<br>CO9603 3:30pm 4:20pm Daily<br>CO9605 6:30pm 7:20pm Daily<br>CO9599 9:30pm 10:20pm Daily | <b>Guam-Saipan</b><br>CO 9316 2:30am 3:20am Daily<br>CO9596 7:00am 7:50am Daily<br>CO9598 10:15am 11:45am 1,2,6 via Rota<br>CO9600 10:45am 11:35am 3,4,5,7<br>CO9602 2:00pm 2:50pm Daily<br>CO9604 5:00pm 5:50pm Daily<br>CO9606 8:00pm 8:50pm Daily |
| <b>Saipan-Narita</b><br>NW 078 8:40am 2:00pm Daily via Nagoya<br><br>NW 075 4:45pm 7:25pm Daily  | <b>Narita-Saipan</b><br>NW 076 10:15am 2:50pm Daily<br>NW 077 6:25pm 1:25am+1 Daily via Nagoya   |
| <b>Saipan-Osaka</b><br>NW 083 4:20pm 7:10pm Daily  | <b>Osaka-Saipan</b><br>NW 084 10:30am 3:05pm Daily   |
| <b>Saipan-Nagoya</b><br>NW 078 8:40am 11:25am Daily  | <b>Nagoya-Saipan</b><br>NW 077 9:00pm 1:25am+1 Daily   |
| <b>Saipan-Manila</b><br>CO 895 4:45pm 6:35pm 6<br>CO 895 6:45pm 8:35pm 3   | <b>Manila-Saipan</b><br>CO 890 9:15am 2:55pm 6<br>CO 890 11:45am 5:35pm 3  |
| <b>Saipan-Seoul</b><br>OZ 604 2:20am 6:00am 1<br>OZ 604 2:50am 6:30am 2,3,4,5,6,7<br>OZ 606 3:30pm 7:00pm 2,4,6,7  | <b>Seoul-Saipan</b><br>OZ 605 9:00am 2:30pm 2,4,6,7<br>OZ 603 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7<br>OZ 603 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1,2,3,4,5,6  |
| <b>Saipan-Busan</b><br>OZ 608 3:50am 7:20am 1,4,5,7  | <b>Busan-Saipan</b><br>OZ 607 9:30pm 2:50am+1 3,4,6,7  |
| <b>Guam-Manila</b><br>CO 891 6:00am 10:30am 3 via Yap and Koror<br><br>CO 893 6:30am 8:05am 6<br>CO 893 8:25am 10:00am 2,7<br>CO 893 5:50pm 9:10pm 5 via Koror<br>CO 933 7:00pm 8:40pm Daily<br>PR 111 6:00am 7:45am 1,2,4,6,7                     | <b>Manila-Guam</b><br>CO 894 11:20am 4:55pm 2,7<br>CO 894 7:45pm 1:20am+1 6<br>CO 892 9:45pm 6:30am+1 3 via Koror and Yap<br>CO 892 10:10pm 5:30am+1 5 via Koror<br>CO 934 10:55pm 4:30am+1 Daily<br>PR 110 10:15pm 4:00am+1 1,3,5,6,7               |
| <b>Saipan-Guanzhou</b><br>CZ 3008 5:00am 8:00am 2,6  | <b>Guanzhou-Saipan</b><br>CZ 3007 8:00pm 4:00am+1 1,5  |
| <b>Guam-Hongkong</b><br>CO 909 6:40pm 9:25pm 1,5   | <b>Hongkong-Guam</b><br>CO 910 10:35pm 5:15am+1 1,5  |
| <b>Guam-Rota</b><br>CO 9598 10:15am 10:45am 1,2,6  | <b>Rota-Guam</b><br>CO 9313 9:30am 10:00am 3,4,7   |

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline              | ETD     | ETA     | Frequency | Airline  | ETD     | ETA     | Frequency |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------|--|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Guam-Rota</b>     |         |         |           | FRE 113  | 11:40am | 11:50am | Daily     |
| FRE 100              | 7:00am  | 7:30am  | Daily     | FRE 115  | 1:00pm  | 1:10pm  | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>   |         |         |           | FRE 117  | 2:30pm  | 2:40pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 100              | 7:50am  | 8:20am  | Daily     | FRE 119  | 4:00pm  | 4:10pm  | Daily     |
| <b>Saipan-Rota</b>   |         |         |           | FRE 121  | 4:40pm  | 4:50pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 200              | 9:00am  | 9:30am  | Daily     | FRE 123 *  | 5:40pm  | 5:50pm  | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Guam</b>     |         |         |           | FRE 125 *  | 6:00pm  | 6:10pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 200              | 9:50am  | 10:15am | Daily     | <b>Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**</b> |         |         |           |
| <b>Guam-Rota</b>     |         |         |           | FRE 102  | 7:05am  | 7:15am  | Daily     |
| FRE 300              | 4:00pm  | 4:30pm  | Daily     | FRE 104  | 7:50am  | 8:00am  | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>   |         |         |           | FRE 106**  | 8:20am  | 8:30am  | Daily     |
| FRE 300              | 4:50pm  | 5:25pm  | Daily     | FRE 108**  | 9:00am  | 9:10am  | Daily     |
| <b>Saipan-Rota</b>   |         |         |           | FRE 110  | 10:00am | 10:10am | Daily     |
| FRE 400              | 6:00pm  | 6:30pm  | Daily     | FRE 112  | 11:05am | 11:15am | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Guam</b>     |         |         |           | FRE 114  | 12:00pm | 12:10pm | Daily     |
| FRE 400              | 6:45pm  | 7:15pm  | Daily     | FRE 116  | 1:30pm  | 1:40pm  | Daily     |
| <b>Saipan-Tinian</b> |         |         |           | FRE 118  | 2:50pm  | 3:00pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 101              | 6:45am  | 6:55am  | Daily     | FRE 120**  | 4:20pm  | 4:30pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 103              | 7:30am  | 7:40am  | Daily     | FRE 122**  | 5:00pm  | 5:10pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 105              | 8:00am  | 8:10am  | Daily     | FRE 124  | 6:05pm  | 6:15pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 107              | 8:40am  | 8:50am  | Daily     | FRE 126  | 6:20pm  | 6:30pm  | Daily     |
| FRE 109*             | 9:10am  | 9:20am  | Daily     |  |         |         |           |
| FRE 111*             | 10:45am | 10:55am | Daily     |  |         |         |           |



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- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
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Letter to the Editor

Opening the door to a golden opportunity

I don't generally carry on tit-for-tat debates in the papers. They're not often all that enlightening. However, I feel it important that issues be clarified.

John-the-devil-is-in-the-details-Gourley stated, in his recent letter, that the CNMI has control over its surrounding waters (the Exclusive Economic Zone) through its participation in WESPAC, the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council. But WESPAC, too, is a federal agency. The CNMI is only of the members. And WESPAC is gaining increasing bad press due to its emphasis on fish extraction, rather than preservation and conservation.

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local people will help support our lifestyle. Funny, no?

We could go on and on discussing what is wrong and what is right in the CNMI. But unless we adopt the following formula, success will never be ours again. That formula is: *self-discipline + will power + determination = success!* In addition we must act as a unified front. There is no room for government officials criticizing each other in public as was demonstrated recently at the last public addresses made by the Governor toward the Washington Representative last week. We need unity of strength, not dissension.

Does all this sound corny and preachy? Try succeeding another way. Lack of money is not our problem. Lack of willpower is! Think about it! Someone once mentioned to me: "Poverty is a state of the mind. Being broke is a temporary condition." Which is it for the CNMI?

Let's wake up to what is happening to us and the world around us. Federalization is one of the best changes imposed on us. Why do we fear it? Let us embrace it and enjoy the new prosperity it brings. It is not too late to regain our sagging economy and maintain control of our Legislature. Stop whining about the disappearance of low wages. They have done enough damage to us by sapping our energy and desire to work for a living. As a result many of us have become cripples and depend on food stamps to exist.

Until I moved to Saipan I never thought about paying a minimum wage to employees in my entire business career. Living and owning several companies in Japan over the span of 16 years, I always paid the market salary based on the experience of the employee. During the 10 years I resided in Hawaii and the owner of several businesses, I never considered a minimum wage. I always paid the going market salary based on the experience of the employees. But when I arrived here, I learned about the minimum wages system. Now we realize its effect on us.

I look forward to the day when every citizen will become educated and hold a skilled well-paying job. We can do it! And when we do, we will have regained our respect, pride and dignity. *Never forget: A nation's greatest asset is her educated and skilled citizens. Viva the CNMI!*

It does not seem to have absorbed that if there are no sanctuaries where fish can breed and mature undisturbed, fish stock will eventually be depleted; that if longliners aren't better controlled, leatherback turtles, among other species, will also disappear. Is this the type control the CNMI wants over its surrounding waters?

The monument approach will allow the CNMI to participate as a co-equal with the federal government in defining the conditions for access to the sanctuary, and assures that the approach will be environmentally-based toward achieving sustainability—a value that reflects the island heritage.

Gourley's inquiry to the U.S. Coast Guard about additional funds for patrolling the newly-designated Hawaiian monument is ingenious, but not very relevant. In the first place, Hawaii is home port to a huge U.S. Navy base. Surely there will be no dearth of ships in those waters. In the second place, one would not expect new funding in the middle of a fiscal year. In the third place, since the monument will come under the Department of the Interior, administered like a national park, it is conceivable that the funds will not appear in the Coast Guard budget, but in the DoI budget. And with security such an issue in this area, it is doubtful that the comparison between Hawaii and the CNMI in this regard is all that valid to begin with.

Gourley states that the CNMI government wishes to develop sustainable fisheries (yup, that's an actual quote from Gourley—he used the word "sustainable.") in the entire CNMI EEZ. I, on the other hand, don't presume to speak for the government, but neither have I seen that as any kind of priority. Even if it were, where would the funds come from? How can the CNMI, which does not have control over its waters, do anything of the sort? What kind of fishing?

Nor is there any data that I'm aware of to show that the northern seas—assuming that "sustainable" fishing would be done there—have enough fish to sustain any kind of fishing. Moreover, at the end of the day, as they say, a sanctuary will do more to keep surrounding areas stocked with fish, making nearby fishing more feasible, than will non-stop fishing 'til there are no more.

Denying the monument proposal in hopes of revenue from underwater mineral extraction sometime in the unknown future is just plain gambling. There's absolutely no assurance that it will ever happen, that there's enough there to make it worthwhile. There's probably a local equivalent saying, but the one I know goes, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

The CNMI administration and Legislature should open the door to this golden opportunity. Doing so does not commit anyone to anything. It simply says, "I'm interested. I'm willing to help make it happen—yes, on terms I can live with."

Ruth Tighe  
Tanapag Village



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OVERSTAYERS REPORT


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May 19, 2008, second publication

Notice is hereby given that according to the records maintained by the Commonwealth with respect to permits expiring or administrative actions taken during the first quarter of 2008, the following persons have overstayed the permission granted upon their entry to the Commonwealth. Persons in an overstayer status are required to depart the Commonwealth immediately.


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| Armia, Eduardo           | Habulan, Susan       | Recustodio, Eduardo  |
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Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time May 20, 2008, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 20, 2008, **AND** must be received no later than May 30, 2008. **Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.**

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement of Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., local time June 2, 2008. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time on May 30, 2008.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this procurement. This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC further notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women-owned business enterprises (MBE/WBE) are afforded equal opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability or national origin.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/ **Manuel A. Sablan**  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ **Herman S. Sablan**  
Director, Procurement & Supply





## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Power Generation



### INVITATION FOR BIDS COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION CUC-IFB 08-004 - INSTALLATION OF RADIATORS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting sealed bids for the INSTALLATION OF RADIATORS at the Power Plant 1, Lower Base in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Sealed bids shall be identified on outside of the envelope by Invitation for Bids No. "CUC-IFB 08-004, INSTALLATION OF RADIATORS at the Power Plant 1". Bids in six sets (including original) will be accepted at the Procurement and Supply Office, CUC, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan until **2:00 P.M., on, May 30, 2008**, at which time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents can be picked up from the office of CUC Procurement and Supply upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$150.00 until **4pm, May 23, 2008**. Only the bidders who have paid the fee will be allowed to submit a bid proposal. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the procurement regulations of the CUC.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. No advance payment will be authorized on the project.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a COPY of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This project will be funded through a grant from the US Department of Interior (DOI). The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page - <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

The project consists, in general the installation of the CUC supplied radiators at the power plant for engine units no. 5 and 6 at Power plant 1. The radiators are manufactured by CBM Technologies Pty. Ltd. and are expected to be available at the power plant facility by July.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 A.M., on May 15, 2008**, at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan, immediately followed by plant visit.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government.

All inquiries should be directed to Mr. Manny Sablan, Procurement and Supply Manager and Mr. Venugopal, Flower Generation Engineer email at [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net) / [venu@cucgov.net](mailto:venu@cucgov.net) or through / or through Fax - (670) 235-5131

ANTHONY C. GUERRERO  
Executive Director

## Letters to the Editor

### SB 16-26: Penny wise and pound foolish?

The Committee for an Independent Judiciary of the CNMI Bar Association is gravely concerned regarding the proposed reduction in judicial salaries contemplated in Senate Bill No. 16-26, SD1.

The American system of justice under which we operate recognizes as fundamental to democracy that government be run by three separate branches, the executive, legislative, and judicial. The role of the judiciary is to uphold the rule of law separate from politics or personal morality. The bedrock of an ordered society is the rule of law, and it extends not only to self-government but also as the foundation for personal and economic development. The protections of the rule of law, however, only go so far as their enforcement by the courts. An independent judiciary, therefore, is essential to the CNMI and its families and citizenry.

The NMI Constitution charges the CNMI judiciary with ultimate authority over the life, relationships, freedoms, rights, duties, and properties of our people. Indeed, beyond the power judges and justices hold over our familial and personal

lives, our economy is dependent upon investor confidence that disputes will be tried by a judiciary that is competent and free from improper influence. We as a society must ensure that the people who we choose to serve as judges and justices are of the highest caliber and greatest integrity possible.

Simply stated, the Committee believes it to be of the utmost importance to ensure that our judges and justices come only from only the highest echelons of our membership. We also believe that any private practicing attorney who has served long enough to be seriously considered for a judgeship or justiceship would necessarily take a significant pay cut in order to accept the position. To cut the salaries further will not result in significant savings for the CNMI and will send the wrong message; a message that the Commonwealth is not committed to seating only the highest caliber lawyers on the bench. Indeed, it is our understanding that the Judicial Branch of our government, one of the three co-equal branches, only receives about two percent of our government's operating expenses. Cutting the

Judiciary's budget further is not the place to start.

We understand that there is a public perception that, compared to other CNMI Government employees, judicial salaries are high. However, this is not the appropriate measure. The appropriate measure is whether judicial salaries ensure our shared goal of providing superior quality judicial services to the people of the Commonwealth. The Legislature must remain cognizant of the competitive market forces that will usually determine whether a qualified attorney is willing to accept a judicial seat rather than remain in private practice. Judicial salaries must be sufficient to attract the most highly qualified members of our profession, not send a message that only mediocre attorneys can afford to serve.

We also recognize that the CNMI Government has some extremely difficult decisions to make in facing the present budget crises. We are all struggling in these difficult economic times. We believe, however, cutting judicial salaries to be a "penny wise and pound foolish" decision. The people and economy of the CNMI deserve adjudicators only of the highest qualifications and integrity and the CNMI Government should remain committed to that proposition by continuing to pay the present salaries.

CNMI Bar Association  
via e-mail

## Wrong quest

To Wendy Doromal:

The years that you had been advocating against human injustices in our homeland had been nothing but pure self-interest and vengeance on your part. I wonder what the local indigenous people of Rota have to say about your past histories as a teacher back then. You continue to advocate against inhuman atrocities in our homeland but you ignore the fact that there are far more atrocities in Third World countries. It is a shame that you chose a small island, my homeland, to play out your Nobel Peace Prize quest, but you truly do not have the heart or courage to stand up and go after other countries, where fatal atrocities take place every minute of our lives. Atrocities such as rape, murder, kidnapping, torture, and hunger are beyond realm, Mrs. Doromal. The war on terrorism is a global issue and is of a top priority for everyone. World peace has to be stabilized in order for mankind to continue its existence on planet Earth. It is such a shame that you chose my homeland, the CNMI, a tiny speck, a dot, a tip of a pencil on the world map in which other countries have no idea it even exists, Mrs. Doromal. Your statements that both "U.S. federal government and foreign organizations collaborated and assisted tremendously in the passing of a federal law taking control of our Immigration system" supported our allegations that it was

in fact instigated by all of you. This is part of the reasons why we the Taotao Tano fight all of you. Let's not forget that we, the local indigenous Northern Mariana descent people of the land are U.S. citizens who pledged and swore sovereignty to the United States of America, Mrs. Doromal.

Today, as if you are not satisfied with the damage you've instilled and left behind, you, along with your instigators such as Human Dignity, Dekada, and Tina Sablan, are seeking to garner some type of "federal permanent status" for long-term alien workers. I do not understand why you treat "green cards" as if it is a privilege or food stamps that can be handed out upon demand. Taotao Tano has every reason to believe that a majority of these foreign organizations are here illegally and, with the help of the Federal Ombudsman and a lawyer, they managed to prolong their stay using frivolous complaints of labor abuses.

I say this to all of you: Be mindful of what you ask or demand for, it might just bite back, as in the case when our voices were heard clearly when we said no to the grandfathering non-immigrant provisions. All of you are now actively involved in seeking a permanent residency status, "green cards" through President Bush but the people of the United States recently spoke and said no way! If 12 million illegal aliens were rejected am-

nesty by U.S. Congress, what makes you so sure that we the local indigenous U.S. Northern Mariana descent people won't? Stop giving people false hope for you had not won anything other than destroy our homeland's reputation nationwide and you should all be ashamed of yourselves for it is a reality that all of your quest is nothing other than the granting of green cards and self-recognition.

As for those elected leaders in our homeland who support this movement, I assure you that their constituents are watching like hawks and election is near. And to all of you my detractors, I do not have an imaginary little friend sitting next to me or a "ghostwriter" as you all assume, but I assure you that my passion, courage and determination to fight the injustices inflicted upon my people will not be left unheard and using the only thing I possess, which is the knowledge to write from deep within my heart and soul, is the ultimate sacrifice one has to endure when faced with the current issues taking place.

Mrs. Doromal, stop using my homeland to gain Nobel Peace Prizes or worldwide recognition, for you have not fought a real cause other than self-interest satisfaction. The federal control is nothing other than national security border control.

Gregorio Cruz  
President, Taotao Tano



## COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SUNSET VILLA BEACH COTTAGES

The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) is soliciting proposals for the sale of the **SUNSET VILLA BEACH COTTAGES Lot No. 105 R 01, located in Sonton Rota**. The property spans 6,422 square meters and contains 14 unit rooms of 6 cottages, 4 deluxe and 4 super deluxe rooms all with ocean view.

The sale shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum bid - \$750,000.00.
2. Sale will be granted to the highest and or best offer.
3. Sunset Villa is being sold at its current condition, **"AS IS"**.
4. Sunset Villa is being sold **"WITHOUT WARRANTY"** of any type.
5. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

Interested party or person may contact Oscar Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) at 234-6245 for further information and Nanette Atalig, at 532-9408 to inspect the property. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer. All sales are final.

All proposals received will be opened at 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2008 with the winner to be announced at a later date. Upon award, offerer is required to make a non-refundable deposit of 10% of the total price offer. Payment must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card.

Interested party or person is asked to submit their proposal at the CDA Saipan Office in a sealed envelop identified as "Sunset Villa Proposal" to Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, ACEO. Deadline to submit bid is **4:00 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2008**.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2008.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

/s/ Oscar C. Camacho  
Acting Chief Executive Officer



# Business

## Good economic news is something of a mirage

WASHINGTON (AP)—The unemployment rate drops. Productivity grows. The trade deficit shrinks. Sounds great, right? Not so fast.

Borrowing radio broadcaster Paul Harvey’s signature saying: let’s hear the rest of the story.

Some seemingly good economic numbers can be something of a mirage masking weaknesses in the national economy.

Let’s take the unemployment rate, which dipped to 5 percent in April, from 5.1 percent in March. A closer look reveals that the decline in unemployment is not as good as it looks at first blush. The drop came as the number of people holding part-time jobs for economic reasons swelled to 5.2 million in April, up sharply from 4.4 million a year earlier.

The dip in the unemployment rate also occurred as employers cut jobs for the fourth month in a row, pushing up total losses beyond the quarter-million mark—to 260,000. Wages barely grew and workers’ hours were trimmed. Taken altogether, these things point to a tepid picture of employment conditions nationwide.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues recently used the word

“softened” to describe the labor situation.

U.S. productivity—an important ingredient to the country’s long-term vitality—grew solidly in the first three months of this year. That efficiency gain, however, came at the expense of workers.

“Productivity gains were due primarily to declines in hours worked,” the Labor Department’s Bureau of Labor Statistics explained. Those hours fell at a 1.8 percent pace, the biggest drop in five years. Employers also shed workers in the first quarter. Thus, companies were able to produce more with fewer workers, and that boosted productivity, the amount an employee produces for every hour of work.

“American workers, you just got to love them,” said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisers. “They just seem to produce more and more and more. That was the case in the first quarter of the year as fewer workers working fewer hours managed to produce more,” he said.

Still, healthy efficiency gains are important for the economy because they can blunt inflation; that’s good for companies’ profits and good

for those earning paychecks.

Let’s take a closer look at the nation’s trade deficit. It shrank to \$58.2 billion in March as the United States’ appetite for imports fell faster than foreign demand for U.S. exports.

A drop in the United States’ foreign oil bill—reflecting less oil being imported—played an important factor in the decline in imports. However, demand for foreign-made autos, furniture, toys, clothing and other goods also waned, underscoring the strains faced by U.S. consumers.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### March trade deficit drops by bigger-than-expected amount

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. trade deficit narrowed sharply in March as demand for imports fell by the largest amount since the last recession was ending. Analysts forecast that trade would continue to be one of the economy’s few bright spots this year. The March deficit totaled \$58.2 billion, down 5.7 percent from February, the Commerce Department reported Friday. It was a much larger improvement than had been expected. The smaller deficit was driven by a 2.9 percent drop in imports, which reflected widespread weakness in demand as consumers, battered by a severe housing slump, a credit crisis and soaring gasoline prices, cut back on their purchases of both domestic goods and imports.

#### Stocks decline as AIG reveals need for cash, oil surges

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street ended the week with a big decline as investors grappled with two of the biggest threats to the economy: fallout from turmoil in the credit market and surging energy prices. All three major indexes suffered losses for the week. Rising crude oil prices remained a source of worry for investors, as they had much of the week and in recent months. Oil futures rose above \$126 a barrel for the first time, further stoking Wall Street’s concerns about inflation that could curtail consumer spending. The Dow fell 120.90, or 0.94 percent, to 12,745.88. Broader stock indicators were also lower a day after the stock market notched a modest advance. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index fell 9.40, or 0.67 percent, to 1,388.28, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.72, or 0.23 percent, to 2,445.52.

#### China establishes company to make its own jumbo jets

BEIJING (AP)—China has established a homegrown company to make passenger jumbo jets, state media reported Sunday - a step forward in the country’s quest to become less dependent on Boeing and Airbus. China Commercial Aircraft Co. was established in Shanghai with registered capital of 19 billion yuan \$2.7 billion, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said the central government and the Shanghai government are among the major shareholders, as are China’s two main aircraft manufacturing and servicing companies, China Aviation Industry Corp. I and China Aviation Industry Corp. II, which were split off from state-owned China Aviation Industry Corp. in 1999. Europe’s Airbus has forecast that China’s domestic market will increase fivefold by 2026.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter of : CIVIL  
the Estate of : ACTION NO.  
ESTEBAN RASIANG : 05-0113 D  
NOGIS, :  
  
Deceased. :  
  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 16, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of the Estate of Esteban Rasiang Nogis in and to the following property: Tract No. 22703-3, containing an area of 1,484 square meters, more or less..

**Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale will be held on Friday, May 23, 2008, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.** The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 23rd day of April, 2008:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Jennifer O. Tanaka  
P.O. Box 500780  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Telephone No. 235-8466

*pro se*

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter ) **FCD GU**  
Of The Petition To ) **CIVIL**  
Appoint General ) **ACTION**  
Guardianship For: ) **NO. 08-0248**  
  
ALAM JOHNATHAN )  
OLOPAI a.k.a. ALAM ) **NOTICE**  
JOHNATHAN ) **OF**  
OLOPAI TANAKA, ) **HEARING**  
A Minor Child )  
)  
)  
By: )  
JENNIFER OLOPAI )  
TANAKA )  
Petitioner. )  
)  
  
Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 19, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205, before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2008.

Bernadita A. Sablan  
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

**Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Mariana**  
**Ofisinan I Gubietno**  
**Dipåttementon I Tano’ Pupbliku**

**NOTISIA POT PLANON MA-ATKILAN TANO PUBLIKO**

Segun i tineteka na patte gi Lai Publiko 15-2, i Depattamenton Tano ha publilika planon para uma-atkila tano publiko guine giya Nottle Marianas. Todo membron publikon iya Marianas libre man-nahalom opinion pot este na plano `sino otro hinasso pot priniponen atkilon maseñala para uma-atkila na tano publiko.

I mapropone na atkilon ma-deskribe komo Lot No. 002 E 03 `nai guaha 4,619 metro kuatdrao; Lot No. 002 E 04, i dinañkuloña 4,622 metro kuatdrao; yan, Lot No. 012 E 03, dinañkuloña 3,060 metro kuatdrao, poko mas o`menos. I mapan este na tano publiko gaige gi Depattamenton Tano.

I aplikante i kompanian Huang Zheng Corporation, Ltd., un` kompania guine giya Marianas. A presidenten este na kompania si Señor Quan Huang. Si Mr. Huang kontratistan este na atkilon ya inasiste as Señor Tony Reyes.

Si Mr. Huang para u usa i lugat para bisnis lulog, alumimum, yan papet katton, lugat para materiat siha (warehouse), manbenden materiat para mahatsan guma, bisnis produkton tase yan man-repean boti.

I tetminon atkilon para bente siñko (25) años ya siña marinueba para kinse (15) años mas na tiempo. I atkilon siempre uma-detetmina akuanto pot sientto kada sakan segun i maprepara na ripot balin este siha na tano. I mapropopone na kontratan atkilon siña in` rikonose gi maseha mano na offisinan Depattamenton Tano entalo Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. I Depattamenton Tano trabiha ti man-resisibe otro planon uson este siha na tano publiko.

I Sekretarion Depattamenton Tano listo para u resibe opiñion publiko pot uson este siha na tano antes de Mayu 14, 2008.

**ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP**

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow am-mataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipel, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Schóókka eyoor máfiyeer rebwe isisilong aghiyeghiir, aweewe, aingiingil reel pomwol akkilonul ammwelil falúweer toulap. Me bwal Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, e ayooora, lamal aweewe kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatééló.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No. 002 E 03, eyoor faawu sangaras olabwughuw seigh me tiwoow llapal (4,619 square meters), elapeló me ngáre eghús, Lot No. 002 E 04, eyoor faawu sangaras olabwughuw reweigh me ruwoow llapal (4,622 square meters) elapelo me ngare eghus me Lot No. 012 E 03, eyoor eluuw sangaras oleigh llapal (3,060 square meters), elo Lower Base, Seipel. Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap (Public Lands) ngare óubwe ghuley fischiy.

ii. Schóól akkilon nge Huang Zheng Corporation., CNMI corporation LTD. Mr. Quang Huang nge ii schagh Samwoolul (President) corporation yeel.

Schéschéél samwoolul corporation yeel nge Quan Huang.

iii. Schóól aweweel akkilon nge Mr. Quan Huang fengal me alillisil Mr. Tony A. Reyes.

iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe ayooora bwuley reel recycling, sookko, wiisal tenda matiriyóód, retail/wholesale reel mwungol leaset, me ammwelil bwoot.

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge reweigh me limoow ráágh (25 years), emmwel rebwe sóbweey ngáli bwal seigh me limoow ráágh (15 years).

Meel akkilon yeel nge ebwe mwir sáangi llapal méél falúw (value of the property).

v. Emmwel bwe tilighial akkilon óubwe bwughil mellol bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llol Dandan, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1<sup>st</sup> floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

iv. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo bwal eew pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipel..

v. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal schagh Ghuuw (May) 14, 2008 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta me ngare Tchúlúyól.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND**

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 002 E 03, containing an area of approximately 4,619 square meters, more or less, Lot No. 002 E 04, containing an area of approximately 4,622 square meters, more or less, and Lot No. 012 E 03, containing an area of approximately 3,060 square meters, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcels is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Huang Zheng Corporation., Ltd., a CNMI corporation. Mr. Quan Huang is the sole director of the corporation.

The president of the corporation is Mr. Quan Huang.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Quan Huang with the assistance of Mr. Tony A. Reyes.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of developing and operating facilities for recycling, a warehouse, retail of hardware materials, retail/wholesale of seafood products, and boat repair and maintenance.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before May 14, 2008 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.



## Nation

## 18 dead in Missouri, Oklahoma tornadoes

**SENECA, Mo. (AP)**—A tornado that spun across the Oklahoma-Missouri border killed at least 18 people as severe storms raked the nation's heart Saturday, injuring many and mangling buildings in the storm-weary region.

At least 12 people were killed after severe storms spawned tornadoes and high winds across sections of southwestern Missouri, the State Emergency Management Agency said. Ten of the dead were killed when a twister struck near Seneca, near the Oklahoma border.

At least six people were killed as the tornado flattened the northeastern Oklahoma town of Picher, authorities said.

"They're going over the hard-hit area and turning over everything and looking," SEMA spokeswoman Susie Stonner said of emergency workers' search for victims and assessment of damage. "It's hard to do in the dark."

The number of injuries across the area was not immediately available, though The Joplin (Mo.) Globe reported that more than 90 people from that region were being treated at Joplin hospitals.

The tornado in Picher - a depressed and pollution-scarred mining town that many residents had already fled - caused major damage in a 20-block area, said Oklahoma's Emergency Management spokeswoman Michel-



Residents survey the damage from a tornado that ripped through the city of Picher, Oklahoma May 10, 2008.

AP

ann Ooten.

"I know they are going through the rubble, trying to find people missing," she said. "There are numerous injuries."

Gov. Brad Henry issued a statement saying a major emergency response was under way. He planned to visit the area Sunday.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Picher and all

of the other Oklahoma communities that have been impacted by the latest wave of severe weather," Henry said.

Television footage showed some destroyed outbuildings and damaged homes west of McAlester and near Haywood. At a glass plant southwest of McAlester, the storm apparently picked up a trailer and slammed

it on top of garbage bins.

"These are rural areas that we are in," Pittsburg County Undersheriff Richard Sexton told KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City. "These are good people coming together at this time."

In storm-weary Arkansas, a tornado collapsed a home and a business, and there were reports of a few people trapped in build-

ings, said Weather Service meteorologist John Robinson.

Central Park Elementary School in the northwest Arkansas city of Bentonville had roof and window damage, and damage was also reported at Pine Creek Center School.

The storms remained active into the night as they swept eastward, with watches and warnings abundant across a wide swath of the Plains and South.

Rescuers freed a man trapped in his vehicle in western Ten-

nessee after a tree fell on it during thunderstorms, Memphis firefighters said.

Memphis authorities say they've received reports of power lines and trees down, but there have been no injuries.

Tornadoes killed 13 people in Arkansas on Feb. 5, and another seven were killed in an outbreak May 2. In between was freezing weather, persistent rain and river flooding that damaged residences has slowed farmers in their planting.

## ACROSS THE NATION

## Obama overtakes lead in superdelegates for first time

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Barack Obama erased Hillary Rodham Clinton's once-imposing lead among superdelegates Saturday when he added more endorsements from the group of Democrats who will decide the party's nomination for president. Obama added superdelegates from Utah, Ohio and Arizona, as well as two from the Virgin Islands who had previously backed Clinton. The additions enabled Obama to surpass Clinton's total for the first time in the campaign. He had picked up nine endorsements Friday. The milestone is important because Clinton would need to win over the superdelegates by a wide margin to claim the nomination. They are a group that Clinton owned before the first caucus, when she was able to cash in on the popularity of the Clinton brand among the party faithful.

## 5 bodies, including 3 kids, found in Houston

**HOUSTON (AP)**—The bodies of five people, including three young children, were found Saturday afternoon on a sprawling property with several structures in northeast Houston, police said. A neighbor made the grisly discovery after seeing a man's body on porch next to a .22-caliber rifle, investigators said. The bodies of a woman between 20 and 30 years old and a boy thought to be about 10 were found in one part of the home, Houston police Sgt. John Chomiak. The bodies of a young boy and girl were found in another part of the home, described by authorities as a simple wooden structure that was divided

in the middle by the porch. Investigators declined to speculate on the causes of death, although they said there were no obvious signs of a struggle. They also declined to release identities of the victims.

## First-class stamp prices rise 1 penny to 42 cents Monday

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The cost of mailing a letter goes up a penny to 42 cents on Monday, the latest in what are expected to be annual price adjustments by the Postal Service. A new law regulating the post office makes it easier to raise rates as long as the agency doesn't exceed the rate of inflation. Rates are to be adjusted each May. But the post office also has introduced a way for people to save money when the price goes up, the Forever stamp, which remains valid for first-class postage regardless of any increases. With the rate increase approaching, sales of the Forever stamp reached 64 million-a-day in April, postal officials said. Forever stamps currently sell for 41-cents, but can be used after the rate increase without any additional postage. However, when the rate goes up, so does the price of Forever stamps.

## Maine shipyard christens destroyer named for Vietnam POW

**BATH, Maine (AP)**—The Navy's newest guided missile destroyer was christened Saturday with the name of a fighter pilot who spent 7 1/2 years in captivity in North Vietnam, received the Medal of Honor and served as presidential candidate Ross Perot's running mate. Four Medal of Honor

recipients and seven former prisoners of war attended the ceremony at Bath Iron Works that marked a milestone in construction of the 9,200-ton ship named for Vice Adm. James Stockdale. Stockdale's widow, Sybil, who suffers from Parkinson's disease and uses a wheelchair, let loose a champagne bottle propelled by rope that swung across the Stockdale's bow. On the second try, the bottle exploded, the band broke into "Anchors Aweigh" and red, white and blue streamers filled the air. Stockdale, who died nearly three years ago at age 81, flew 201 carrier-based missions before being shot down in 1965, becoming the highest-ranking naval officer captured during the war. His endurance under torture and years of solitary confinement during his captivity in Hanoi became the stuff of legend. After his release in 1973, he received 26 combat decorations, including the Medal of Honor.

## Official: 6 dead in crash near Pa.-Ohio border

**WEST SPRINGFIELD, Pa. (AP)**—An official in the Erie County Coroner's office says six people died in a two-car accident on Interstate 90, three miles inside the Pennsylvania-Ohio border. Chief Deputy Coroner Korac Timon says that four men and two women died Saturday when the minivan they were traveling in crossed the median and hit a car head-on at about 4 p.m. The van came to rest on its roof. Timon says a seventh person in the van and the woman driving the other car were taken to a hospital. Both are expected to survive. Officials did not release names of those involved in the accident.

## Ex-manager says OJ Simpson confessed

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A memorabilia dealer who profited from O.J. Simpson for many years is the latest former crony to write a tell-all book, this one alleging a groggy Simpson, high on marijuana, confessed to killing his ex-wife after he was acquitted.

Mike Gilbert also claims he helped his former friend wiggle out of the murder charges by suggesting how to bloat his hands so they wouldn't fit the notorious bloody gloves.

Gilbert's book, "How I Helped O.J. Get Away With Murder: The Shocking Inside Story of Violence, Loyalty, Regret and Remorse" (Regnery Publishing, 232 pages, \$27.95), is due in stores Monday. It was released to The Associated Press in advance.

He said Simpson had smoked pot, took a sleeping pill and was drinking beer when he confided at his Brentwood home weeks after his trial what happened the night of June 12, 1994. Simpson said he went to his ex-wife's condominium, but did not bring a knife with him. Simpson told

him Nicole Brown Simpson had one in her hand when she opened the door.

In a soft mumble, Simpson told him: "If she hadn't opened that door with a knife in her hand ... she'd still be alive."

"Nothing more needed to be said," Gilbert writes. "O.J. had confessed to me. There's no doubt in my mind."

Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were stabbed to death at the entrance to her condominium. The knife was never found.

Simpson's current lawyer Yale Galanter said none of Gilbert's claims are true and that Gilbert is "a delusional drug addict who needs money. He's fallen on very hard times. He is in trouble with the IRS."

"I've talked to O.J. about it," said Galanter, who refused to allow Simpson to comment directly because of his upcoming robbery trial in Las Vegas. "This stuff not only didn't occur but it's not factually supported by the evidence."



# Asia

## Myanmar referendum goes ahead despite cyclone crisis

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Myanmar's military rulers held a referendum Saturday aimed at solidifying their hold on power while brazenly turning cyclone relief efforts into a propaganda campaign. In some cases, generals' names were scribbled onto boxes of foreign aid before being distributed.

Human rights organizations and dissident groups have bit-

terly accused the junta of neglecting disaster victims in going ahead with the vote, which seeks public approval of a new constitution.

The referendum came just one week after Cyclone Nargis left more than 60,000 people dead or missing. The U.N. estimates that at least 1.5 million people have been severely affected.

Aye Aye Mar, a 36-year-old

homemaker, looked frightened when asked if she thought anyone would vote against the referendum.

"One vote of 'No' will not make a difference," she whispered, her eyes darting around to see if anyone was watching. Then she raised her voice to declare: "I'm saying 'Yes' to the constitution."

Though international aid has started to trickle in - with two more planes organized by the U.N. World Food Program landing at Yangon's airport Saturday - almost all foreign relief workers have been barred entry into the isolated nation. The junta says it wants to hand out all donated supplies on its own.

But with roads blocked and bridges submerged, reaching isolated areas in the hard hit delta has been made all but impossible. The military has only a few dozen helicopters, most small and old. It also has about 15 transport planes, few of which are able to carry massive amounts of supplies.



Survivors check the damage to their houses which were destroyed by the cyclone in Bogale, in the delta region, Myanmar. Saturday, May 10, 2008. AP

## Malaysian peace monitors leave RP, peace talks with rebels stall

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The first group of Malaysian peacekeepers left the Philippines on Saturday as peace talks between the government and Muslim rebels remained stalled, raising worries that clashes could escalate again in the troubled south.

Malaysian Maj. Gen. Datuk Mat Yasin Bin Mat Daud—leader of an international monitoring team—said he

hopes a peace agreement will be signed soon. The withdrawal is a sign of Kuala Lumpur's impatience with the slow pace of negotiations that it has brokered to try ending more than 30 years of Muslim separatist insurgency.

"As far as I am concerned, our mission is accomplished. We have left that good foundation for peace," the Malaysian general told reporters shortly

before boarding one of two Malaysian military transport planes in Datu Odin Sinsuat, capital of Shariff Kabunsuan province.

"People don't have to live in fear anymore," he said.

The departing 29 Malaysians represent half of the peacekeeping force, and the other 12 Malaysians are to depart Aug. 31. There also are contingents from Brunei and Libya, plus one Japanese aid worker.

## Irregularities mar Sri Lanka elections

**BATTICALOA, Sri Lanka (AP)**—Allegations of fraud, voter intimidation and sporadic violence marred elections in Sri Lanka's east Saturday despite the government's claims they would be a celebration of democracy for the region recently liberated from the Tamil Tiger rebels.

The vote was intended to show that a "new dawn" was coming to the impoverished area, to give

minority communities a degree of self-rule and to counter rebel demands for an independent state.

Many voters said the new provincial government should focus on ending the chaos and violence in the east, which is divided among Tamil, Sinhalese and Muslim communities.

"We hope things will be straightened out," said a doctor voting in the town of Batticaloa,

who, like nearly every other voter interviewed, declined to give his name out of fear of reprisals.

The government, with the help of a breakaway group of former rebels known as the Tamil Makal Viduthalai Pulikal, or TMVP, seized control of the province late last year after 13 years of rebel rule. Civil war continues to rage around the separatists' de facto state in the north.

edly opened fire, killing one and wounding three.

The coalition said its troops were attacked Friday while searching compounds in the Shinwar district of Nangarhar province.

"Several militants were killed" and nine insurgents were arrested, the coalition said in a statement Saturday.

The coalition said the op-

eration was targeting a "foreign fighter network" and that militants in the area had recently attacked coalition forces. The troops destroyed several automatic rifles, grenades and ammunition discovered in the compounds.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary said the government is investigating the villagers' claims.

# World

## Clashes with Darfur rebels occur near Sudan's capital

**KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)**

—Hundreds of rebels from war-ravaged Darfur clashed with Sudanese security forces on the doorstep of the capital Saturday in a dramatic widening of the five-year-old conflict.

It was the first foray into the seat of the Sudanese government by a rebel group once confined to the western region, which is deeply scarred by the struggle between the ethnic African rebels and the Arab-dominated central government.

The country's interior minister said government forces successfully "chased" away the rebels by nightfall, about three hours after the first outbreak of violence, and killed a rebel leader and his aide. State television showed footage of the fighters in handcuffs and soldiers driving confiscated jeeps through empty streets, saluting colleagues standing at attention.

But a rebel leader denied his fighters suffered heavy casualties and said some took up po-

### Rebels threaten

Hundreds of rebels from the Darfur region reached have infiltrated Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city, and are targeting the capital.



SOURCE: ESRI AP

sitions inside Khartoum, while others remained in its twin city, Omdurman.

"They will continue their mission," rebel spokesman Ahmed Hussain told The Associated Press. "They successfully destroyed a lot of tanks."

TV footage showed burning trucks, smoke billowing over Omdurman and at least two bodies sprawled in a dusty street and slumped in the front seat of a convertible jeep.

"I saw dead people in the streets and cars burned," said Hatem, an Omdurman resident who refused to give his last name fearing government reprisal. He said most of the victims wore turbans distinctive to rebel areas.

Hatem said he sought cover at a friend's house while bullets and tank shells whizzed through the city. "They had many weapons and explosives," he said by telephone.

With just a few thousand members, the Justice and Equality Movement is outnumbered by and far less equipped than Sudan's military, believed to be more than 100,000 strong, but the group still represents the most significant military threat to the Sudanese government in Darfur.

## Report: Cease-fire with Iraqi militants

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Shiite groups brokered a reported cease-fire Saturday with militants fighting U.S. and Iraqi forces in Baghdad's Sadr City as the country's army launched an offensive in Mosul against al-Qaida's main bastion in Iraq.

Sheik Salah al-Obeidi, an aide to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, said the cease-fire will go into effect Sunday. The cease-fire may not necessarily end the seven-week old clashes in Sadr City, the stronghold of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army, as U.S. military has blamed clashes on break-away groups.

The bulk of the 60,000-strong Mahdi Army is not believed to have participated in the clashes. Instead the violence is blamed on splinter groups that have refused to honor a general cease-fire ordered by al-Sadr last August. Al-Sadr has directed his supporters to only fight when attacked.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh expressed support Saturday for efforts aimed at "achieving order and security in Sadr City."

## Dalai Lama: Meetings with Chinese were 'respectful'

**BERLIN (AP)**—The Dalai Lama said Chinese officials were "respectful" in meetings last week, but large differences remained over the causes of the recent unrest in Tibet.

In an interview published Friday with the German weekly Der Spiegel, the Dalai Lama was quoted as saying that his representatives and Chinese officials agreed to hold a new round of formal talks "as soon as possible," following informal talks last weekend.

He added that a date would be fixed in the coming days.

"There were large differences over both the cause and the nature of the recent unrest in Tibet," he said, according to the report. But "despite the differing opinions, both sides showed a readiness to achieve an agreement on a common way of proceeding in dealing with the problems at issue in Tibet."

He added that "concrete proposals" were made by both sides that could serve as "a basis for the formal talks during the next round." He did not elaborate.

## Russia puts tanks, missiles back in Red Square parade

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Russia showcased its military might and youthful new president to the world Friday, as heavy tanks and missile launchers rumbled across Red Square in a Victory Day parade for the first time since the Soviet era.

In a nationally broadcast speech two days after his inauguration, President Dmitry Medvedev avoided the bellicose rhetoric of his mentor and predecessor, Vladimir Putin, who drew parallels between United States and Nazi Germany during last year's parade.

However, in his speech marking victory over Adolf

Hitler's Germany, the 42-year-old Medvedev said the history of World War II demonstrated that military conflicts are rooted in "irresponsible ambitions which prevail over interests of nations and entire continents."

"We must not allow contempt for the norms of international law," he said, in what sounded like veiled criticism of the United States and its Western allies.

The Kremlin has consistently criticized both the U.S.-led war in Iraq and wide Western recognition of Kosovo's declaration of independence from Russia-allied Serbia as flagrant violations of international legal norms.



# Health & Fitness

## Should you trust that body fat test?

By HOWARD SCHNEIDER  
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WASHINGTON—Depending on which Japanese conglomerate you believe, either I have the body of a 25-year-old or I’m pushing 70. Which is disconcerting either way, because I was a mess when I was 25, and I’d prefer to let 70 wait its turn. But according to the statisticians at such companies as Omron and Tanita, my “metabolic age” lies at one of those extremes.

What’s “metabolic age”? It is a statistical construct that, along with a growing number of other bells and whistles, is being built into the “body composition” monitors proliferating on store shelves.

There are a good half-dozen or so of these machines on the market now, at places including Target, prices from about 30 bucks to nearly 300. Typically similar in shape and use to bathroom scales, their main purpose is to measure body fat.

They use a technology called bioelectrical impedance, which passes a small current through conductive foot pads or handheld electrodes (and, in some cases, both). The current can pass easily through water-rich muscle fiber, but it bogs down in fat. Based on a measure of impedance (how much of the current gets through from one electrode to the other), the machines use mathematical models to estimate the amount of fat that got in the way en route.

Why is this a good idea? It is pretty widely acknowledged that people should be less concerned with what they weigh than on whether that weight comes from fat or muscle.

For men, the aim is to keep body fat under about 20 percent of total weight; for women, under about a third, though the numbers vary with age.

Not content with that statistic, however, competing companies have begun loading their machines with lots of other stuff: estimates of how much muscle

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you have, how many pounds of bone, hydration levels, the amount of “visceral fat” larded around your vital organs, how many calories you need to eat in a day, and, based on all of the above, how “old” you are.

To get a sense of the accuracy of retail-grade monitors, at least when it comes to that basic measure of body fat, I gathered five models from three companies and matched them against two clinical methods for taking the same measurement: a hydrostatic “dunk tank” test often used in research and the hand-calipers pinch test often performed in health clinics and gyms.

The dunk tank put me at just under 21 percent, a bit higher than it should be, while the pinch test registered 18 percent, comfortably within the

recommended range.

So should I panic, or have a beer? That’s the kind of anxiety this test can prompt. Company representatives seem to understand as much and are generally careful to say that their machines should be used more to establish trends than for precise measurements.

The devices, in other words, will give you a rough sense of where you stand but are better used to see whether your body fat percentage is going up, down or staying steady over time. If you’re losing weight, for example, and your body fat is creeping higher, that’s a sign of unhealthy dieting—weight loss through dehydration or the destruction of muscle tissue. By contrast, if your body fat readings are going down but the scales are not budging, that’s a sign that you’re building muscle and getting stronger.

“What we try to tell everybody is: Don’t get hung up on ‘Am I really 20 percent?’” said Keith Erickson, director of North and South American sales for Tanita. “It’s a tool. It’s not an absolute.”

A selection of body fat monitors.

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## Five tips to save your back while you grow your garden

It’s springtime and millions of gardeners will return to their yard to tend their lawn, grow flowers, fruits and vegetables. Unfortunately, for most gardeners, their reward for their effort will be a strained back and sore muscles. This doesn’t have to be. Jeffrey Restuccia, author of *Get Fit Through Gardening*, has these tips to prevent back strain and muscle soreness while gardening.

### Always stretch both before and after gardening.

Even if you’re only going to mow the lawn, get in a habit of stretching every time. It will prevent injury, reduce soreness and increase flexibility. In particular stretch your legs, groin and shoulders.

### Change your raking and digging stance.

This is the most difficult habit to change for lifelong gardeners. Rake and dig using your legs and not your back. Your back should always be straight. Bend is in your knees, in a slight crouching stance and always keep your knee over your foot (not splayed legged). Rake using a rocking and scooting motion, not a stationary, straight-legged stance. This unique, back-saving motion and stance will take some getting used to but your back will thank you – and you will be able to garden longer, with more power and burn more calories.

### Change your stance and position every three to five minutes.

If you’re kneeling, change to standing. If you’re sitting, change

to standing. Also when raking alternate between raking right-handed and left-handed. While this may be awkward at first, with time it will be perfectly automatic and natural.

### Pay careful attention to the tools you use and your body as you garden.

Always strive for a pulling motion toward you using your legs with your back straight. Any stabbing or pushing motion, such as using a hand trowel to dig holes, should be used only for short periods of time. Short handled tools are the main cause of back strain while gardening in the United States. Ideally raking and hoeing tools should be five to six feet long. If a tool handle causes you to stoop over, either increase the length of the handle us-

ing PVC pipe, purchase a new tool with a longer handle or donate it to a children’s gardening club.

Gardening can be good for you. However, most gardeners are too focused on the plants to notice that they’re straining their bodies, using repetitive motions or bending over from their back. Paying careful attention to your body’s needs will enhance your enjoyment of gardening and prevent back strain and muscle soreness.

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### How Some Products Compare

Here is how five “body composition” monitors compared in Howard’s case. Dunk tank and caliper tests were used for purposes of comparison.

|                        | PRICE | STATISTICS   | MEASUREMENT POINTS | MEMORY    | BODY FAT * |
|------------------------|-------|--|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Homedics 540           | \$60  | weight, body fat, percent water, percent muscle, bone mass, daily calorie estimate   | feet               | 12 people | 29%        |
| Omron Body Logic       | \$60  | body fat, body mass index  | hands              | 9 people  | 20.1%      |
| Omron Full Body Sensor | \$120 | weight, body fat, muscle, daily calorie estimate, visceral fat, “metabolic age,” body mass index                             | feet and hands     | 4 people  | 20.7%      |
| Tanita Ironman         | \$300 | weight, body fat, percent water, muscle, daily calorie estimate, bone mass, visceral fat, “physique rating,” “metabolic age” | feet and hands     | 4 people  | 18%        |
| Tanita UM061           | \$32  | weight, body fat, percent water  | feet               | none      | 20.9 %     |

\* Compared with readings of 18% and 21% from two clinical tests

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## FROM START TO FITNESS

### Fitness Challenge

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**Q: My gym had a fitness challenge that lasted 12 weeks and consisted of working out five days a week. I’m very proud of myself for committing to this program and sticking with it. Although my results were not the best out of the group, I did make progress (I lost 10 pounds, 9 inches and 2 percent body fat). However, I wondered if I should have done better. A few people lost 25-30 pounds in 12 weeks. Should I have seen more changes?**

**A:** Congratulations on finishing the fitness challenge at your gym. Believe it or not, your committing to the program for 12 weeks—regardless of how your body responded—is just as big an accomplishment as losing the 10 pounds.

Many fitness challenges are focused on losing a large quantity of weight over the allotted time, but the main focus should be on developing healthy lifestyle habits that will carry on well past the end of the program. The results you achieved during the challenge were a result of your hard work and commitment, and although other participants may have seen more dramatic changes in numbers, the real challenge will be maintaining what you have accomplished in the months ahead.

The changes that occur while exercising differ for everyone, and there are a lot of factors that determine how your body composition might change over a period of weeks or months. Activity level, nutritional habits, your current body composition (fat/lean muscle mass), genetics and

gender all play a part in how your body might respond.

A safe change in a 12-week period would be a loss of 1 1/2 to 2 pounds a week, with the main goal of losing non-essential body fat and maintaining and increasing lean muscle mass. The body fat and circumference (inches) measurements are fantastic measures to use to track your progress, because they give you information on just “what” type of “weight loss” you achieved. Remember, weight is just a measure of how much your body weighs. It does not take into account muscles, fat, water or organs. You should be proud of losing 9 inches and 2 percent body fat.

Also remember that nutrition plays a big role in how our bodies change. You might have increased your workouts, but you still need to maintain a proper nutrition plan that supports portion control, balanced meals throughout the day and healthful food choices. This will greatly determine how your body is able to adjust.

It’s difficult not to compare ourselves to others, but remember, we are all different. Use your past and present experiences to set personal goals for yourself and seek to achieve them. You are the only one who has to live in your body, so focus on being the best that YOU can be!

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## Life & Style

# Jenna Bush's wedding is low-key affair

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**CRAWFORD, Texas (AP)**—Jenna Bush couldn't see herself getting married at the White House surrounded by antique furniture and oil portraits of presidents. She and Henry Hager said "I do" Saturday at President Bush's ranch in Crawford where the corn is thigh-high, roads are named Cattle Drive and the Texas flag is painted on the rooftops of barns.

The president and the bride picked "You Are So Beautiful" for their father-daughter dance, according to band leader Tyrone Smith of Nashville, Tenn. Smith and his 10-piece party band, The Tyrone Smith Revue, was asked to do "Lovin' in My Baby's Eyes" by Taj Mahal for the newlyweds' first dance. Smith, who promised the couple a "get down" party, talked to The Associated Press earlier in the week on condition that the information not be released before the wedding.

Smith, who witnessed the wedding ceremony, said afterward the groom was dressed in a dark blue suit with powder-blue tie and the bride wore a "very simple and elegant" white dress, but did not wear a veil.

Smith said Jenna Bush's paternal grandparents, President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush, spoke during the wedding, though he could not hear their comments.

Away from the glare of television cameras that have beamed other first family weddings into American living rooms, Jenna's outdoor wedding at the ranch reflected her family's penchant for privacy and her preference for the casual over grandiose.

Even without the prying eyes of strangers, Jenna's marriage to her longtime boyfriend Henry Hager made presidential history. It will be remembered as an upbeat moment of Bush's two-term presidency beset by terrorism, war and the nation's current limp economy.

"This is a joyous occasion for our family, as we celebrate the happy life ahead of her and her husband, Henry," Bush said in his Saturday radio address. "It's also a special time for Laura who this Mother's Day weekend will watch a young woman we raised together walk down the aisle."

Jenna, 26, is the 22nd child of a president to get married while their father was in the Oval Office. Their ceremonies have ranged from Tricia Nixon's extravagant wedding broadcast live from the Rose Garden in 1971 to the 1992 Camp David wedding of Jenna's aunt, Dorothy Koch. That one was kept so secret that the press didn't find

out about it until it was over.

"All of them are different. This one really reflects the personality of both Jenna and the George W. Bush family," said Doug Wead, a former aide to President George H.W. Bush and author of a book on presidents' kin.

"If they'd have gone on TV, the wedding would have been shown all over the world and Jenna Bush would have been an international celebrity - and she would have been a target. They're preparing the transition to private life and they're not particularly interested in seeing Jenna Bush become a huge celebrity."

The media was not invited, but Jenna's wedding will be closely scrutinized - down to the matte beading and embroidery on her white Oscar de la Renta gown.

"The wedding details will be

made of beige colored Texas limestone, that was erected near the ranch's man-made lake. The cross and altar, made of the same stone used to construct the Bush's ranch house, will be a landmark at the ranch for years to come. The Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell of Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston officiated.

Festivities began Friday with a bridal lunch, rehearsal dinner and post-rehearsal dinner celebration in Salado, a tiny tourist village, which used to be a stagecoach stop. Jenna, her sister and the first lady were in Salado, more than an hour's drive south of Crawford, all day Friday and the president arrived in the evening by motorcade.

The rehearsal dinner for about 100 people was hosted by the parents of the groom, who turned 30 on Friday. Hager's father, John Hager, is the



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This May 2006 file photo released by The White House shows President and Mrs. George W. Bush's daughter Jenna Bush with Henry Hager, left.

reported on for generations, influencing both present-day and future brides-to-be," says Millie Martin Bratten, editor-in-chief of BRIDES magazine and student of first family weddings.

Jenna's twin sister, Barbara, was maid of honor and 14 other women were in her "house party." Barbara Bush wore a long, moonstone blue dress with a low-cut back. The women in the "house party" were clad in seven different styles of knee-length dresses in seven different colors that match the palette of Texas wildflowers - blues, greens, lavenders and pinky reds.

The best man was the groom's brother, John "Jack" Hager. Also part of the "house party" were 14 ushers, who walked with the 14 women down the aisle to their seats, but did not participate in the ceremony.

More than 200 family and friends converged here for the nuptials on the 1,600-acre ranch where a tent was erected for the post-ceremony dinner and dancing.

The ceremony began about a half hour or so before sunset. The couple stood at a cross,

chairman of the Virginia Republican Party and is former lieutenant governor of Virginia and former U.S. assistant secretary of education.

The rehearsal dinner crowd, including the president, then walked down a street in Salado with the Belton High School Marching Band from Belton, Texas, to a "Texas-sized celebration" at another establishment. All the wedding guests were invited to this event. They were entertained by the five-member Duke Merrick Band from Charlottesville, Va., which performed classic Texas songs and original pieces by Merrick, a relative of the Hager family.

The groom's family also hosted a barbecue lunch Saturday in Salado ahead of the wedding.

Henry Hager met Jenna during her father's 2004 re-election campaign. He graduated from Wake Forest University and worked as an aide to Bush's former top political adviser Karl Rove. He is set to receive a master's degree in business administration later this month from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.



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Marilyn Judy, of Crawford, Texas, adjusts the wedding veil on an angel sculpture to celebrate the marriage of Jenna Bush and Henry Hager, Saturday, May 10, 2008, in Crawford, Texas.

Between February 2005 and January 2006, he was an economic policy aide in the office of Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez and regularly briefed the secretary on economic data. "He was widely regarded as a super star," said Ann Marie Hauser, press secretary at Commerce.

After the wedding, the couple is rumored to be honeymooning in Europe, although the White House would not comment. After that, they plan to live in a two-bedroom, two-bath town house on the south side of Baltimore. She plans to return to teaching and he will work for Constellation Energy, a power supplier based in Maryland.

This was a big doing for Crawford, home to about 700 central Texans. They likely will not get a glimpse of the bride and groom, but the couple's photo is plastered across coffee

mugs, mouse pads, key rings and other Western White House trinkets for sale at a few stores along the main drag.

A rusty, metal sculpture of an angel, a gift to Crawford after Bush's re-election, is adorned with a veil and a bouquet of white flowers for the occasion. The sign at the Coffee Station in Crawford, where Jenna orders fried jalapenos, says "Congrats Jenna and Henry." The Peace House, home away from home for anti-war protesters when they're in Crawford, set up a red sign that says "Peace to the Newlyweds."

The Peace House group decided against protesting on the wedding day, but about a dozen members of an anti-gay group out of Topeka, Kan., demonstrated on a road leading to the ranch.

Dick and Kathy Karmy drove 70 miles from their home in Cleburne, Texas, to visit Crawford on

wedding day. "I have a girlfriend in Washington state and she said 'You've got to go and get me a mug,'" Kathy Karmy said.

Mary Wood of San Antonio, about a three-hour-minute drive from Crawford, stopped at a table the Crawford Chamber of Commerce and Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau set up outside a bank to welcome visitors to town. Since so many people wanted to know how to drive to Bush's Prairie Chapel Ranch, they offered a home-made map, even though the ranch property is barricaded far from the entrance.

"I almost came during the week, but then I said it would mean more to be here on the wedding day," said Wood, who had a camera hanging from her neck so she could take a photo of the "Prairie Chapel Road" sign. "It's just a big kick to say I was here."



## Reading beauty products' fine print is well worth the time

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** As you know, most women invest a lot of time in addition to money so they can look and feel beautiful.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health would like to encourage women to get the most out of their health and beauty products by taking the time to read the directions and following them properly. Our message to women is, "Take Time to Care About ... Health and Beauty."

In celebration of National Women's Health Week (May 11 to May 17), we are offering a free Health and Beauty Kit that includes tools for making informed choices about the cosmetics and other products women use every day. This collection of fact sheets is available in English and Spanish, and is an example of how the FDA has been working to promote the safe use of health and beauty products ever since the landmark Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act was signed in 1938.

Please let your readers know about this opportunity. The information will be sent to them without charge. This effort has already been paid for with taxpayer dollars, including postage and handling.



*Dear Abby*

KATHLEEN UHL, M.D.,  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

**DEAR KATHLEEN:** I'm pleased to pass the word along, and congratulations for 70 years of progress on cosmetic safety. Your Health and Beauty Kit is informative, and I'm sure readers will find the tips and easy-to-read materials on cosmetics, contact lenses (and more) of interest.

For the quickest service, the kits should be ordered online at [www.pueblo.gsa.gov](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov). If you do not have online access, send your name and address to Health/Beauty Information Kit, Pueblo, CO 81009, or call toll-free: (888) 878-3256, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, and ask for the Health and Beauty Information Kit. Readers, order your kit today because quantities are limited.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I haven't lived here very long. Our only company is a dear friend, "Sid," who lives nearby. I love to entertain and have guests over, so naturally I invite Sid to dinner quite often.

My problem is Sid never arrives on time for a meal. I usually have to tell him dinner will be ready an hour earlier than it really will be, so he'll show up before it is finished cooking.

I take pride in having everything ready at once for a large meal. When I must keep things warm for an hour or more extra, it not only ruins the mood but the food dries out. At Easter we had Sid over and told him dinner would be at 1 p.m. When I called him at 1:30, he told me he hadn't even showered or shaved yet to come over.

Is there a polite way to show my frustration at Sid's lack of punctuality, or should I stop inviting him to join us for meals? I don't want to be rude.

FRUSTRATED IN THE KITCHEN

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** By all means stop inviting Sid for meals. Instead, invite him for leftovers, and if he asks why, do not be shy about explaining (politely, of course). And, because you love to entertain, I'm advising you to join some service organizations so you can widen your circle of friends.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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# Carrie Underwood joins Grand Ole Opry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Carrie Underwood is the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry.

The singer joined the cast of the long-running country music show Saturday. Garth Brooks handled her formal induction and Vince Gill sang a duet with her.

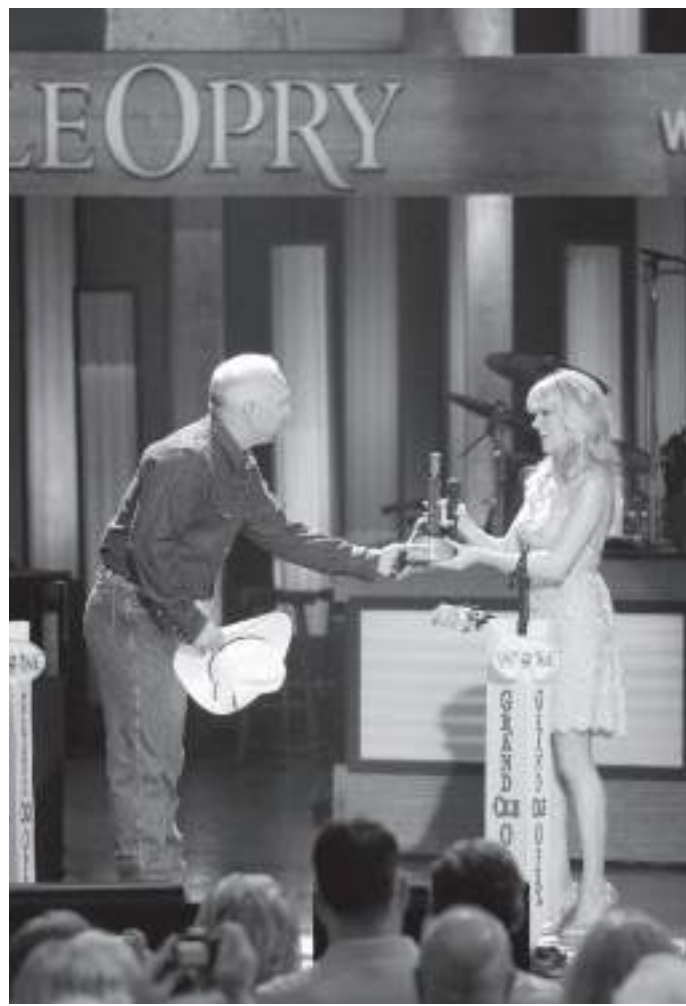
"This really seems like a great family to be part of," Underwood said, as she fought back tears. "I promise I'll do everything I possibly can to not make you regret it."

The former "American Idol" winner sold 7 million copies of her debut album "Some Hearts" and shot to superstardom almost overnight with hits including "Before He Cheats" and "Jesus, Take the Wheel."

Her follow-up album, "Carnival Ride," came out last fall and has produced two No. 1s: "So Small" and "All-American Girl."

Brooks, who presented her with the induction award - a 14-inch bronze replica of an Opry microphone stand - told her, "Nothing will last as long or be as important as this award right here."

"Being around you five minutes, I can see you get it. In coming



from Oklahoma, I know you're sharp as a wit." Brooks, like Underwood, is an Oklahoma native.

The 25-year-old Underwood becomes the latest young addition to the Opry cast in recent years, joining Brad Paisley, Josh Turner and Dierks Bentley.

The Opry, established in 1925, is the longest continuously running radio show in the country. Legends such as Hank Williams Sr. and Patsy Cline were once members of the cast, and contemporary stars including Alan Jackson and Martina McBride are part of today's show, which airs every Friday and Saturday night on WSM-AM.

Opry management says artists are invited to join based on their commitment to the show, as measured by the frequency of their guest appearances, and their overall contribution to country music.

AP  
In this photo provided by the Grand Ole Opry, Carrie Underwood inducted as the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry by fellow Opry member Garth Brooks on Saturday, May 10, 2008 in Nashville.

## 'Forbidden Kingdom' is a hit in China

HONG KONG (AP)—Jackie Chan and Jet Li's first movie together is a hit in China.

There were concerns whether "The Forbidden Kingdom" would appeal to Chinese because its script is geared toward American audiences.

The movie is about an American teenager who's magically transported to ancient China, where he teams with a drunken fighter (Chan) and a monk (Li) to

help free a mythical monkey king.

But the Hollywood-Chinese co-production made \$21.4 million in 10 days since its April 24 debut, Tang Jingting, a spokeswoman for Chinese movie company Huayi Brothers, one of the film's investors, said in a phone interview Thursday.

The \$75 million movie received a wide release of 1,228 copies, Tang said. China has more than 3,400 screens.

A movie that makes more than \$14 million in China is considered a hit and \$29 million a major hit.

"The Forbidden Kingdom," which was dubbed in Mandarin for Chinese audiences, achieved the strong results despite its Western interpretation of popular Chinese mythical characters from the classic Chinese novel "Journey to the West."

Hong Kong's Next magazine called the story "unbelievably

weird." Hong Kong newspaper South China Morning Post said it "hardly offers a progressive understanding of the multifarious aspects of Chinese culture as it rehashes the themes of kung fu classics."

In the U.S., "The Forbidden Kingdom" has performed solidly, earning \$45.7 million since its release on April 18, according to the box office tracking Web site Box Office Mojo.

## Mother's Day reaches 100th anniversary

By APRIL VITELLO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GRAFTON, W.Va. (AP)—On this 100th anniversary of Mother's Day, the woman credited with creating one of the world's most celebrated holidays probably wouldn't be pleased with all the flowers, candy or gifts.

Anna Jarvis would want us to give mothers a white carnation—she felt it signified the purity of a mother's love.

Jarvis, who never married and never had children, got the Mother's Day idea after her mother said it would be nice if someone created a memorial to mothers.

Three years after her mother died in 1905, she organized the first official mother's day service at a church where her mother had spent more than 20 years teaching Sunday school.

Today, the former Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church is the official shrine to mothers around the world. On Sunday, the shrine will celebrate the 100th anniversary, giving each mother attending a special service a white carnation.

The shrine also serves as a

"reminder to the accomplishments of these women and to the issues mothers still deal with today, trying to do the balancing act of being everything to everyone," said Cindi Mason, the shrine's director.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 83 million mothers in the United States. More mothers now work out of the home and the number of single-mother

households has tripled to more than 10 million since 1970.

What has allowed Mother's Day to become celebrated on the second Sunday in May in 52 countries is "everyone has a mother," said Sally Thayer, a trustee of the International Mother's Day Shrine in Grafton. "It's a wonderful thing to celebrate."

Jarvis' devotion to and her fierce defense of Mother's Day could be tied to the feeling that "a certain era was passing and mothers like her mother were becoming fewer," said Laura Prieto, an associate professor of history and women's studies at

Simmons College in Boston.

By all accounts, Jarvis' mother Ann was a community activist who worked to heal the divisions in north-central West Virginia following the Civil War, and to promote improved sanitation by creating Mothers Friendship Clubs.

"I would love to be like Mrs. Jarvis," said Olive Dadisman, who operates the Anna Jarvis Birthplace Museum in nearby Webster. "She was a soft-spoken, gentle woman,

but she could convince the devil to give up his pitch fork."

West Virginia became the first state to recognize Mother's Day in 1910. President Woodrow Wilson approved a resolution in 1914 marking the second Sunday in May a nationwide observance.

"Mother's Day was meant to be—and still is—a celebration of a nineteenth-century ideal of motherhood, when mothers were supposed to dedicate themselves completely to nur-

turing their children and making a cozy, safe home," Prieto said.

Yet, Jarvis became increasingly disturbed as the celebration turned into an excuse to sell greeting cards, candy, flowers and other items.

Jarvis became known for scathing letters in which she would berate people who purchased greeting cards, saying they were too lazy to write personal letters "to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

Before she died in 1948, she protested at a Mother's Day celebration in New York, and was arrested for disturbing the peace.

The National Retail Federation estimates that Americans will spend \$15 billion this year honoring their mothers. Dining out is expected to be the No. 1 expense.

In the end, Mason said Jarvis was bitter about what the observance had become and "wished she would have never started the day because it became so out of control ..."

"But when you look at Mother's Day as being her baby of sorts, you can understand her protectiveness of it."

### ON THE NET:

International Mother's Day Shrine:  
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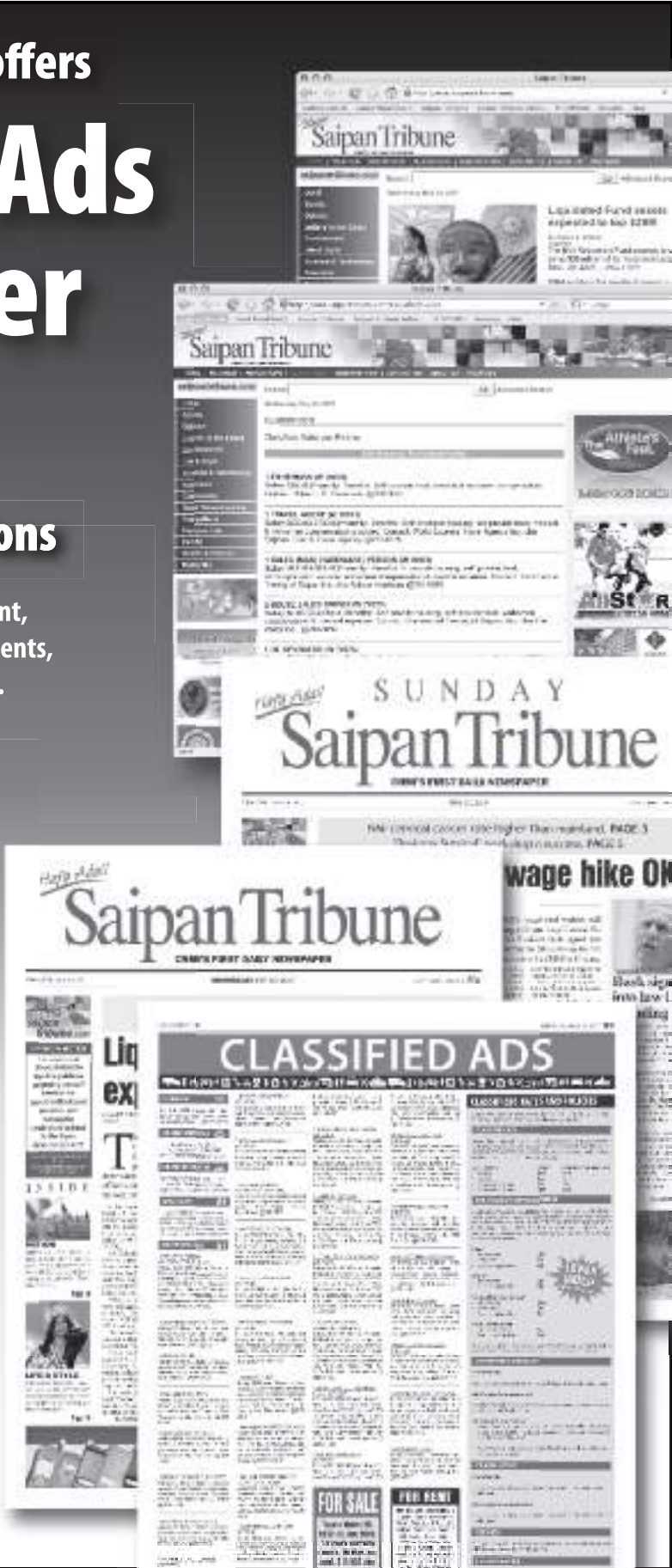
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

THE FINANCIAL & : CIVIL  
INSURANCE SERVICES : ACTION  
GROUP, INC., : NO.  
 : 07-0053

Plaintiff, :

-v- :

JOSEPH A. ARRIOLA and :  
LAURA L. ARRIOLA :

Defendants. :

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED  
DEFENDANT, LAURA L.  
ARRIOLA:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, the Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above court:

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

DATED, this 17th day of April, 2008:

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

NORTHERN : CIVIL  
MARIANAS HOUSING : ACTION  
CORPORATION, : NO. 07-476

Plaintiff, :

-v- :

The Estate of SOLEDAD K. :  
SOMORANG, Deceased, :  
and SUSAN K. SOMORANG :

Defendants. :

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED  
DEFENDANT SUSAN K.  
SOMORANG:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, the Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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**Location: COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
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Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with employment application form, during regular working hours at the CDA Office in Gualo Rai Saipan or the Office of Personnel Management during working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the Office of Personnel Management in Garapan, Saipan no later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

Inquiries may be directed to Christy N. Kintol, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6245 or by email to administration@cda.gov.mp.

/s/  
Oscar C. Camacho  
Acting Chief Executive Officer



### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Board of Education

## Public School System

P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



## Request for Proposal RFP 08-015

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the **Purchase, Delivery, and Installation of Playground Equipment for various Head Start Centers located in both Rota and Saipan.** Detailed information on the Scope of Work is available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "RFP 08-015" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and shall be submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than May 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Responsibility determination documents shall be placed in a separate envelope marked "RFP 08-015, CONFIDENTIAL - Responsibility Determination", containing one (1) original and one (1) copy). Any proposal after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Technical questions shall be in writing and addressed to Mr. Carl Dela Cruz, Acting Procurement & Supply Officer, via fax # (670) 664-3791. Alternatively, questions may be e-mailed to the following address: **delacruz@pss.cnmi.mp.**

Contractors are required to submit with their proposal, a copy of their valid CNMI Business License.

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/S/ **Dr. David M. Borja, D.B.A.**  
**Commissioner of Education**

/S/ **Carl F. Dela Cruz**  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,   | Civil Action No. 04-0175D |
| Plaintiff,  | NOTICE OF AUCTION         |
| -vs-  |                           |
| ISLAND SECURITY SERVICES, INC., JOAQUIN V. GUERRERO and ESTHER A. GUERRERO, |                           |
| Defendants  |                           |

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Island Security Services, Inc., Joaquin V. Guerrero and Esther A. Guerrero in the following described real properties situated in Gualo Rio, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

**Lot No. 1879 "A"-R4, Lot No. 1879 "A"-4 and Lot No. 1879 "A"-3** (formerly known as Lot No. 1879 "A"-R3), situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, CNMI, containing an area of 1,389 square meters, 1,073 square meters and 1,072 square meters, respectively, as shown on the Parcel Survey Plat of Lot No. 1879 "A"-R3, DLS Check No. 2153/95, the original of which was filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, as File No. 95-2194 on September 1, 1995;

and

**Lot No. 1602S-R1**, situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, CNMI, containing an area of 10,988 square meters, more or less, as particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2171/88;

and

**Lot No. 1879 "A"-R2**, situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, CNMI, containing an area of 4,142 square meters, more or less, as particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2100/87.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, May 16, 2008, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
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  - b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
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# D'Antoni accepts Knicks' offer; Mavs hire Carlisle



**NEWYORK(AP)**—Mike D'Antoni has agreed to coach the New York Knicks, bringing his entertaining offensive style from the Phoenix Suns to a team coming off one of the worst seasons in franchise history.

The Knicks released a statement Saturday night saying they had agreed in principle with D'Antoni and that a press conference would be held once the contract had been completed.

D'Antoni had two years and \$8.5 million left on his Phoenix contract. Suns owner Robert Sarver wouldn't confirm that D'Antoni had taken the New York job earlier Saturday, but said, "Mike called me this morning to thank me, so I figured this was up."

The offer is reportedly for \$24 million over four years, making him one of the NBA's highest-paid coaches. The Chicago Bulls also interviewed D'Antoni for their coaching job.

Messages were left for D'Antoni and his agent, Warren LeGarie.

D'Antoni replaces Isiah Thomas, who was fired in April after the Knicks went 23-59, tying the franchise record for losses in a season. D'Antoni will become the Knicks' sixth different coach since the start of the 2002-03 season.

The 57-year-old D'Antoni led the Suns to a 55-27 record last season and was coach of the year in 2005. He had a 232-96 regular-season record the past four years, but the Suns were eliminated in the first round by San Antonio last month. The Suns then gave D'Antoni permission to pursue other openings.

New Knicks president Donnie Walsh had been looking for a coach since removing Thomas on April 18. Walsh previously met with former Knicks guard and television analyst Mark Jackson and Knicks assistant Herb Williams. But Walsh took his time to see what coaches



Carlisle

would become available during the postseason.

He found one who won at least 54 games each of the last four seasons. The Knicks, meanwhile, are coming off their seventh straight losing season and haven't won a playoff game since 2001.

They've been just as dysfunctional off the court, with Thomas and Madison Square Garden found to have sexually harassed a former team employee and forced to pay \$11.5 million. The affable D'Antoni should improve the Knicks' image, even if it won't be easy to make a winner out of the team.

Walsh acknowledges it will take time to rebuild the Knicks, and their roster seems ill-suited for D'Antoni's uptempo style. They are slow in the frontcourt

with Eddy Curry and Zach Randolph, and the point guard situation is unclear with Stephon Marbury missing most of last season and coming off ankle surgery.

But D'Antoni quickly made Phoenix a winner after becoming their coach 21 games into the 2003-04 season. A short time later, the Suns traded Marbury and Penny Hardaway to the Knicks, clearing the way for the offseason blockbuster signing of Steve Nash.

Nash was a perfect fit for D'Antoni, and the Suns quickly became NBA darlings, their refreshing style far more entertaining than the plodding game of most teams. In the 2004-05 season, the Suns won 62 games, tying a franchise record, leading to coach of the year honors for D'Antoni and the first of two

MVP awards for Nash.

But the Suns never made it to the finals under D'Antoni, losing to San Antonio three times and Dallas once. The acquisition of Shaquille O'Neal in February was designed to toughen the team and a better match for the Spurs. But after the Suns' five-game loss, D'Antoni's future with the organization became a subject of speculation.

President and general manager Steve Kerr, hired a year ago, acknowledged differences in philosophy, and eventually gave D'Antoni permission to speak with other teams.

Nash said Friday he believed D'Antoni would stay in Phoenix, and it's unclear where the Suns look now. But Kerr most likely will go after a more defensive-minded coach since de-

fense was the biggest weakness under D'Antoni.

In other news, the Dallas Mavericks made it official Saturday, announcing in Dallas they had hired Rick Carlisle to replace Avery Johnson as their coach.

Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations, said in a statement that Carlisle was "our top choice from the onset."

"His integrity, exceptional basketball IQ and balanced approach are exactly what we were looking for," Nelson said. "Rick's playoff experience and success make him a great fit for our team and its future."

A news conference is expected Wednesday, when owner Mark Cuban returns to Dallas.

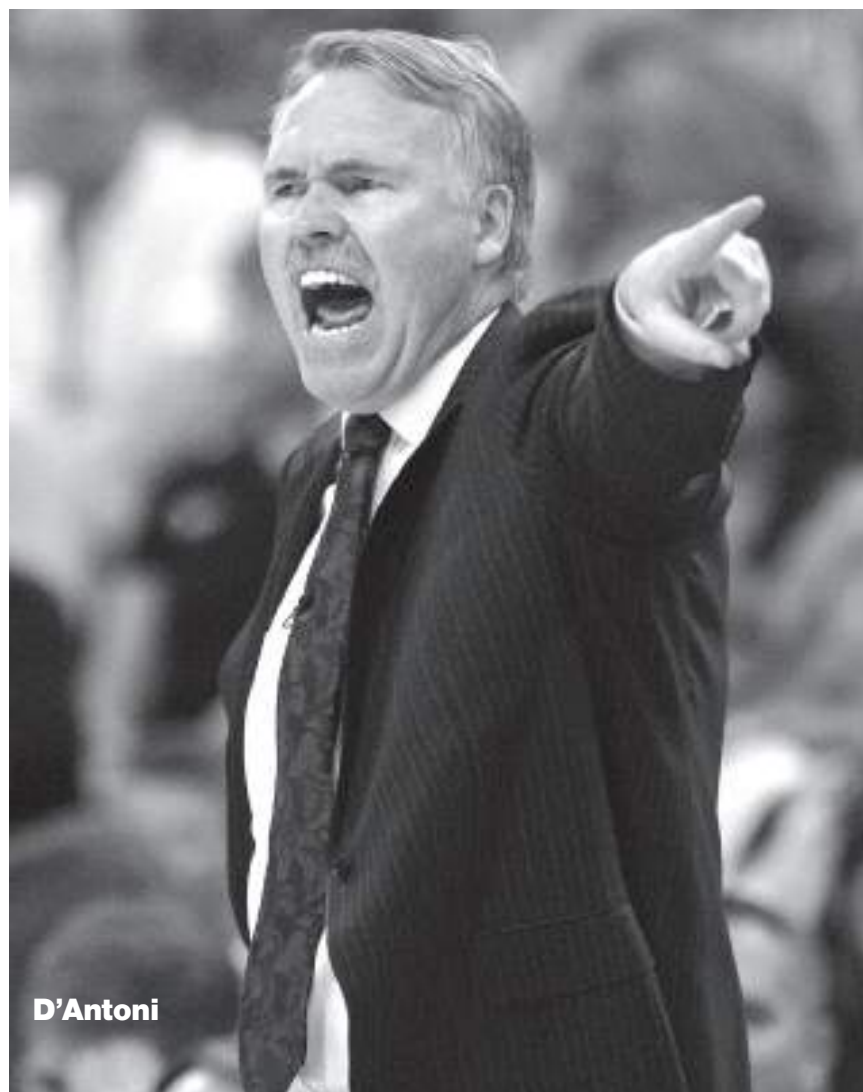
Carlisle was the only candi-

date the Mavericks interviewed after firing Johnson the morning after their second straight first-round playoff exit.

This is Carlisle's third time as head coach and his first stint in the Western Conference. He went 281-211 over two seasons in Detroit, then four in Indiana. He made the playoffs his first five years, then lost his job with the Pacers after missing out in 2007.

Carlisle spent this past year out of the NBA, but following it closely working for ESPN.

A native of upstate New York, Carlisle was the co-captain of the Virginia team that made the Final Four in 1984, the year after Ralph Sampson left. He was a first-round pick of the Boston Celtics and was a backup on their 1986 championship team.



D'Antoni

## Goydos takes 1st 54-hole lead in 16 years on PGA Tour

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)**—Paul Goydos would love to say he saw this coming, but he's too honest. He had never broken 70 in nine previous appearances at The Players Championship, yet a 2-under 70 on Saturday made him the only player to break par all three days on the TPC Sawgrass and gave him a one-shot lead over Kenny Perry.

Since his last victory 16 months ago on the PGA Tour—and only the second of his career—he has yet to crack the top 20. But after a birdie on the island-green 17th and a hybrid out of the trees to make par on the final hole, he wound up with a 54-hole lead for the first time in his career.

This is the leader at the

richest event on the PGA Tour—a 43-year-old former substitute teacher who is raising two teenager daughters. He has no endorsement deal, so he bought a Long Beach State baseball cap last week in an airport with the nickname "Dirtbags" on the bill. Even in 90-degree weather, he keeps his shirt buttoned to the top.

Perhaps it is with such self-deprecating humor that Goydos appeared so immune to the mounting pressure and a course that continued to get tougher in hot, blustery conditions. He answered every bogey with a birdie, none bigger than a wedge just inside 10 feet on the island-green 17th and a birdie for the outright lead.

He was at 7-under 209, the highest score to lead on the Stadium Course since David Duval was at 212 in 1999.

Perry saved par with a nifty wedge on the 18th hole for a 72 that put him at 210 and in the final group Sunday, a huge opportunity in his quest to make the Ryder Cup team in his home state of Kentucky.

Sergio Garcia hit the ball as well as anyone for the second straight day, and got nothing in return.

Garcia was tied for the lead standing on the 17th tee, but he three-putted from just outside 10 feet, then hit into the rough on the 18th and closed with an-

other bogey for a 73, leaving him three shots behind.

Through three rounds, Goydos has taken 78 putts, 18 fewer than Garcia.

The numbers are shrinking, with only 13 players remaining under par, just three of those with a major to their credit.

Getting the most attention was Phil Mickelson, trying to become the first repeat champion in the 35-year history of this tournament. He was making a move up the leaderboard until he knocked his tee shot into the water on the 14th and took double bogey. He still wound up with a 71 and was in the group at 2-under 214,

five shots behind and very much in the game.

Goydos played with Garcia and was reminded why he hasn't won but two times in his career. One of those was at Bay Hill in 1996, and the running joke is that his photo among all the other past champions looks like Wal-Mart employee of the month.

But it all starts with Goydos, a self-described journeyman who has as much perspective, honesty and dry humor as anyone around.

His most recent victory was the 2007 Sony Open, and Goydos noted that Tiger Woods had won nearly 60 times between his two victories. When he next saw Woods, he pleaded with him to quickly win 60 more

times so Goydos wouldn't have to wait another 11 years.

Goydos has played 30 times since that victory in Hawaii, and his best finish has been a tie for 25. He has been around long enough to know how much can change over the final 18 holes, especially on this course with a tenuous lead.

Goydos knocked in a pair of 18-foot birdie putts early in his round—from about the same distance that Garcia missed all day—but was particularly impressive following his mistakes. A three-putt bogey on the seventh was followed by a 5-foot birdie on the 219-yard eighth. A bogey with a wedge in his hand on the ninth was followed by a 20-foot birdie on the 10th.

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# James, Cavaliers shoot down Celtics



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—The shots didn't drop again for LeBron James, and it hardly mattered. The rest of the Cleveland Cavaliers made most of theirs.

James scored 21 points on another off-shooting night, but Delonte West scored 21, Joe Smith had 17 and the Cavaliers raced to a large, early lead in Game 3 in a 108-84 victory Saturday night over the road-challenged Boston Celtics to pull within 2-1 in their playoff series.

West, who spent three seasons wearing Celtic green and white, carried the scoring load for the Cavaliers, who are attempting to become the 14th team in NBA history to come back from an 0-2 deficit and win a best-of-seven series.

They've had practice at it.

Last year, the Cavaliers lost the first two games of the Eastern Conference finals to Detroit before beating the Pistons four in a row to advance to the finals for the first time. After dropping Games 1 and 2 in Boston, Cleveland needed James (8-of-42 in the losses) to shoot his way out of a slump.

James was only 5-of-16 from the floor, but his teammates stepped it up, going a combined 32-of-54 (59 percent) to tighten the second-round series. Cleveland roared to a 32-13 lead after one quarter, led by 17 at half, 16 after three and easily withstood a few Boston counter punches.

"We came out and attacked," West said. "We jumped on them and didn't give it back."

The Celtics remain lost on the road, and Game 4 is Monday night in Cleveland.

They've yet to win outside of Massachusetts during this postseason, not an encouraging sign for a team with its sights on a 17th league title. The Celtics went 0-3 in Atlanta during the first round as the Hawks averaged 100.7 points and shot 47.6 percent in three home games.

"On the road it's going to take a little bit more ... we've got to learn our lesson pretty soon," forward Paul Pierce said.

Kevin Garnett scored 17 points, Pierce 14 and Ray Allen 10 as Boston's Big 3 of super-stars combined for 41 points.

But the trio was no match for Cleveland's Fab Four of West, Wally Szczerbiak, Smith and Ben Wallace - all acquired in deals at the Feb. 21 trading deadline - who totaled 63 points, 20 rebounds and six 3-pointers. West made four 3s, Smith went 7-of-8 and Wallace, who wasn't expected to play because of an inner ear infection, gave Cleveland an inside presence while guarding Garnett.

The Cavs played a nearly flawless first quarter. They shot 65 percent (13-of-20), had 11 assists on those field goals and didn't commit a turnover. Be-

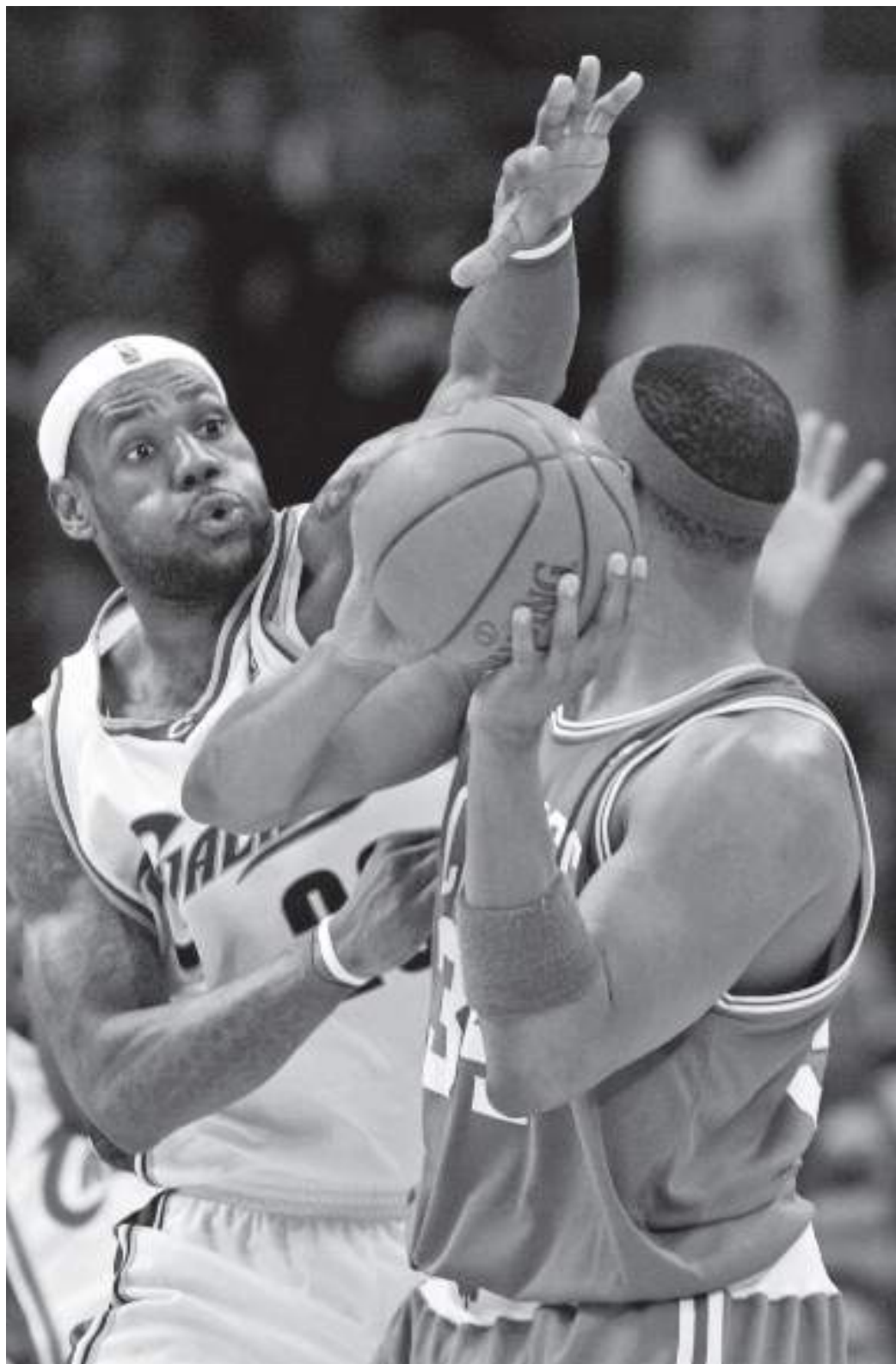
yond that, Cleveland didn't rely on James to carry them, as six other Cavs combined for 27 of the club's 32 points.

At halftime, James only had

seven points but the Cavs were shooting 66 percent (19-of-29) and moving the ball on offense, something coach Mike Brown has insisted is key if his

team plans to advance past the league's best defensive squad.

Before the game, James said a few "easy baskets" might help him get started.



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, left, guards Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce during the fourth quarter of Game 3 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinals Saturday, May 10, 2008, in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 108-84 but trail 2-1 in the best-of-seven playoff series.

His first one was both simple - and strong.

With the Cavs leading 10-4, James poked the ball away from Pierce near the free throw line and broke free for a two-handed, stare-at-the-rim dunk that sent Cleveland's hyped crowd into a frenzy. Wallace scored twice underneath and Szczerbiak's two free throws put the Cavaliers up 18-6.

James' next basket was a 3-pointer during a 9-0 spurt that gave Cleveland a 27-8 lead on its way to a 19-point advantage after one.

The Cavaliers were leading 39-17 in the second quarter when this series had its first moment of tension.

As he was driving to the basket, James was grabbed around the neck by James Posey and fell awkwardly in the lane. He laid face down on the floor as both teams exchanged angry words and Anderson Varejao and Posey earned technicals for their exuberance.

The officials huddled and gave Posey a flagrant-1 for the hard foul, which seemed to deter the teams from more rough stuff.

Cleveland maintained its double-digit lead throughout the second half, and closed out a game it had to have. No team has ever overcome an 0-3 deficit, something the Cavs don't have to worry about now.

## Pistons 90, Magic 89

At Orlando, Fla., Richard Hamilton scored 32 points and Hedo Turkoglu missed a layup with time running out as the Detroit Pistons beat the Orlando Magic 90-89 to take a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Tayshaun Prince scored 17 for Detroit, including an 11-foot runner for the go-ahead basket with 8.9 seconds left. Rasheed Wallace had 16 points and eight rebounds. Antonio McDyess had eight points and 14 boards.

Orlando squandered a 15-point lead in the third quarter. After Prince's basket, Turkoglu's layup

from the left side of the lane was no good and didn't draw a foul, and Dwight Howard's putback was also off the mark.

The Pistons, the first team to win on the road in the second round, can clinch the series when it returns to Detroit on Tuesday.

The Pistons won despite playing without All-Star point guard Chauncey Billups, held out after straining his hamstring in Thursday's game.

Turkoglu scored 20 for Orlando and three players added 15 points - Rashard Lewis, Maurice Evans and Jameer Nelson.

The Pistons held Howard in check all game, forcing several turnovers on Magic passes inside and largely preventing the All-Star from getting the ball near the rim. They double-teamed and banged him around but didn't commit many fouls on the 59 percent free throw shooter. Howard shot only two free throws, making both. He finished with eight points and 12 rebounds.

Detroit climbed out of a 55-44 halftime deficit with a 15-0 run over nearly seven minutes in the third quarter to tie it at 63. McDyess and Hamilton each scored four in the run and Lindsey Hunter, activated because of Billups' injury, hit a 3-pointer. The Magic missed eight straight shots and committed two turnovers in the span.

Pistons rookie Rodney Stuckey made his first playoff start in place of Billups, but Hunter took over the ballhandling duties much of the time with Stuckey in foul trouble. Hunter rarely appeared in the regular season, playing a career-low 24 games and spending 46 on the inactive list in his 15th pro year. He looked rusty early but finished with eight points and three assists.

Billups is third on Detroit's career playoff scoring list and was averaging 15.8 points and 5.7 assists this postseason. In the end, the Pistons didn't need him.

## Customers waiting hours for 23-cent pizzas in Ohio

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Ohio** (AP)—Maybe Cleveland Cavaliers fans can hope for cheap gas if an oil company insults All-Star LeBron James.

Lines were so long Thursday at some of the 86 Papa John's stores offering a large, one-topping pizza for 23 cents that police stood nearby to make sure people didn't get unruly.

The Louisville, Ky.-based company agreed to the offer after a franchisee in Washington, D.C., made T-shirts calling star LeBron James a "crybaby." The shirts referred to James' complaints about hard fouls during a playoff series victory over Washington. The company also will donate \$10,000 to the Cavaliers Youth Fund.

The 23-cent price of a pizza is a homage to James' jersey number.

"It's a recession busting offer, and we certainly hope we have made it up to Cleveland," Tim North, vice president of the company's northeast division, told WEWS-TV.

There were a few headaches, mostly complaints about long waits and line-cutting.

In University Heights, an auxiliary police officer tried to settle a line-cutting complaint without riling either side. In Springfield Township outside Akron, police said their was an argument between two people in line, but no one was hurt and there were no arrests.

Locations were making 300 pizzas an hour to satisfy lines

in which customers waited 90 minutes, North said.

Each Papa John's location offering the deal in the Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Youngstown areas was prepared to sell more than 900 pies. Outlets were ordered to close early if, as expected, they ran out of pizzas.

Police said a regional manager for Papa John's asked for officers to help close its Columbus stores, WBNS-TV in Columbus reported.

In Akron, one location gave rain checks good for one week.

"We're certainly a bit surprised about how darn popular this is," North told The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer.

In suburban Cleveland, people stood wrapped in blankets

outside a store in Westlake and the line was two blocks long in University Heights.

"I did it for the principle of it. The principle of it is he's not a crybaby and Papa John's should not have gotten into it," Jennie Moore, 54, of University Heights, said as she waited for a pepperoni pizza.

Randall Hunter, 50, from Cleveland Heights, spent most of his four-hour split between bus driving shifts waiting for his pepperoni pizza. He defended James and what he said were flagrant fouls he received in the Washington series.

"You hit him in the face, you undercut him where he could really have an injury," Hunter said. "He could be out the rest

of the season."

In Westlake, the line at one store snaked through the parking lot to the edge of the mini-mall and across a lawn along Detroit Road.

Patrick Mone, dressed in a blue LeBron James "Witness" T-shirt, was willing to wait as long as necessary for the bargain.

"It's worth it," he said. "All the money is going to charity, and obviously, it's bringing new business to Papa John's. Even though there is a line, I think it's pretty cool ... 23 cents, you can't beat it."

As he neared the store, Mone was amazed by the crowd.

"As I got closer, I was like, 'Oh, boy. This is going to be nuts.'"



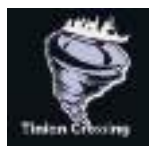




# Conquering Tinian's rough waters

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Training for the Hamilton Cup three years ago pushed Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club member Richard Sikkel to organize the Tinian Crossing.

"We were preparing for the Hamilton Cup back then and we know the waters at the Tinian channel is rough so we decided to train there," said Sikkel.

"We were saying, 'if we can make it to the channel, well we can make it to the Hamilton Cup'", he added.

Sikkel is one of the brains behind the annual Tinian Crossing where they once again conquered the Tinian channel for the third straight time.

SOCC paddlers completed the two-day crossing clocking in at three hours and 14 minutes in their return to Saipan to break their last year's record of 3:33.

They left Kili Beach Park on Saturday, May 3, to go to Tinian crossing the channel in 3:09. The annual two-day challenge is held during the San Jose Fiesta in Tinian where they paddled from Saipan to Tinian and back. The trip back on the second day was slightly tougher due to the fatigue of the previous day.

The channel is between Saipan and Tinian with its illusive and dreaded whirlpool, which is the most challenging part of the crossing. Paddlers went against the wind and swells in the second day of the crossing.

Sikkel said SOCC has been holding races in time for the Tinian fiesta five years ago but the cost of shipping the canoes from Saipan to Tinian had gone up so they decided to cancel it permanently in 2004.

"That is why we also decided to do the Tinian Crossing every year. We'll go to Tinian to join them in the celebration then return the following day," said Sikkel.

The SOCC paddlers that joined Sikkel in the crossing were Jim Sirok, Gil Birnrich, Cooper Schraudenbach, Rita Bonici, Sonny Downer, Leon Leonard, Dave Palacios, and Brian Eckert.

Tinian senator Jude Hofschneider also joined SOCC in their paddle going to Tinian to join his constituents in time for the celebration. Rob Jordan, Eric Lister, and Joe Przyuski were on the chase boats captained by Dan Westphal and Morito Asai. A nine-man crew from Guam also joined SOCC.



SOCC members attempt to cross the Tinian channel.



Some members of the Guam crew prepare their equipment before making the crossing on Saturday morning.



The 10-man SOCC enjoy a light moment after completing the return trip from Tinian to Saipan.



The six-man crew of the Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club heads out to the Tinian channel in last week's 3rd Annual Tinian Crossing.



SOCC crew steers their way across the Tinian channel.



Jim Sirok, left, and Gil Birnrich take a break at the chase boat.



Joe Przyuski, back, relaxes at the chase boat while Sen. Jude Hofschneider wait for his turn to paddle.



SOCC members join hands in storing away the canoe at Kili beach.



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# Kabur nips Tigers in 10 innings

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**B**ridge Capital-Kabur needed 10 innings before squeezing out a 14-13 win over the Tigers of Atty. Bob O'Connor on Friday night in the 3rd Annual Budweiser-Saipan Major League at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

The loss was the fourth straight for the Tigers after an 8-7 win over Komoro on April 7. They also suffered a 9-8 loss to Komoro on May 7, Wednesday.

Darwin Masaharu pitched in the bottom of the 10th relieving Tuwi Ngiraidong, who lasted nine innings.

Masaharu caught a Ben Cabrera grounder for a 1-3 putout play to Gloyd Martin at first base for the first out then walked Tony Rogolifo, who moved to second on a passed ball.

Ivan Igitol hit a soft grounder that landed a few feet from Kabur catcher Payton Sakuma, who picked up the ball and made the throw to first baseman Martin for the second out.

Kabur earned the win, their second in eight games, after Masaharu forced Mabel Ngirgemelas to an infield fly with second baseman Hector Efrain making the catch for the third out.

The Tigers also played sloppy defense in the final inning making three errors to allow Kabur score the go-ahead run.

With one out, after Efrain flied out to Tigers right fielder Ngirgemelas, in the top of the 10th Poland Masaharu reached safely on first base on an Igitol throwing error.

Masaharu moved closer to home plate on a Man-

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Kabur pitcher Darwin Masaharu, left photo, and Komoro hurler Jae Young Kim foiled the Tigers bid to earn its second win in the 3rd Annual Budweiser-Saipan Major League at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

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## Teamwork key to Knights' success

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Mt. Carmel School Knights coach Abner Venus summed up their team's recent title win in the Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association with one word: Teamwork.

The Knights completed their undefeated season with a 64-54 win over the Grace Christian Academy Eagles in the finals of the high school boys' division on Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Knights won 11 games this season including the finals.

Venus, who is also a board member of the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, said despite having only eight players, his wards pulled it off.

"We were undermanned since four of my players are in Delaware for the Mock Trial championships," said Venus.

Three of the four were his starters while the fourth one is his sixth man. They are attending the 25th National High School Mock Trial Championship in Wilmington, Delaware from May 7 to 11.

"I've told myself, I have to live with the players that I have. I am glad that

my boys delivered and everybody stepped up whether it is in offense or in defense," said Venus.

He added that they even held a final team practice last Wednesday at 7pm to familiarize his players with the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Venus said guard Joseph White and center Kristian Aquino were exceptional in the finals as they gave it their all. "Kris

and Joseph know it is their final year to play for Mt. Carmel so they want to go out as winners and with the title."

He added White bounced back in the playoffs and finals after missing two games in the regular season due to an injury.

"Kris and Joseph will always be there to deliver for us but the hustle defense

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Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association high school boys' division mythical team members Kristian Aquino, center, and Joseph White, right, show off their individual awards and hold the championship trophy along with coach Abner Venus in Friday's award ceremony at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Torgeson, Shimizu top 'Run For Ron'

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Perennial contenders Eli Torgeson and Maimi Shimizu topped yesterday's "Run For Ron" 5-kilometer fundraising race held at Micro Beach inside the American Memorial Park.

The 5K fun run and walk, which is a fundraising event by Ronald Villafria for his scheduled trip to Japan in July, followed the same course of last month's Club Elan 5K Run.

Villafria will compete together with lawyer Steve Pixley in the 2008 Mt. Fuji Marathon or Fuji Tozan race on July 25.

Times were not recorded since the event was a fun run, with most of the veteran racers not pushing themselves to the limit and were seen in a casual and leisurely jog.

Torgeson was also seen running along a pack that included Pixley, Shimizu, Miek Carey, 16-year-old Matt Mancao, Lewie Tenorio, Fred Camacho, Cesar Danao, and Tamio

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## Giants, Warriors slay FMI caging foes

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The TASI Tours Giants and TAGA Warriors conquered their respective foes as action continued in the open and masters division of the 2008 FMI Inter-color Basketball League Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Giants overcame SMF-Seabridge's second-half scoring splurge in pulling off a 97-91 win while the Warriors coasted a 99-86 triumph

against GEC Pawnshop.

The win pushed the Giants past idle Shirley's Coffee Shop breaking their two-way tie with the Foodmakers in fourth place while joining the Pawnbrokers in the open division with similar 4-2 cards.

Forward Ehroll Peredo netted 25 points to lead the scoring for the Giants, who nearly blew an 18-point halftime lead and allow SMF to trim the lead to single digits in the final quarter.

Peredo scored 14 in the first half as the Giants took a 57-39 lead at the half

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